







*The Sixty-Eighth Annual Report*

of the

**Officers**

of the

**Town of Millis**



for the

**Year Ending December 31**

**1953**

D. C. COLLINS CO., Millis, Massachusetts





**TOWN OFFICERS — 1953**

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<b>Moderator</b>	Rudolph F. King
<b>Town Clerk</b>	Lloyd C. King
<b>Town Treasurer</b>	Leonard W. Lindahl
<b>Tax Collector</b>	Joseph F. English

**Selectmen**

Horace V. Balkam, 1954	Michael E. Collins, 1955
Morris Mushnick, 1956	

**Assessors**

Millard B. LaCroix, 1954	George D. Cassidy, 1955
George Y. Robinson, 1956	

**Public Welfare**

Merle A. Browne, 1954	Adam P. Consoletti, 1955
Thomas J. Clancy, 1956	

**School Committee**

Gertrude W. Weinstein, 1954	Robert W. McDonough, 1955
Earle H. Merkle, 1954	Frederick J. Welch, 1955
Stuart M. King, 1956	

**Water Commissioners**

C. Leslie Simpson, 1954	Raymond D. Woodmansee, 1955
Paul T. Clancy, 1956	

**Sewer Commissioners**

George DeAngelis, 1954

George Sarris, 1955

John E. Skarp, 1956

**Park Commissioners**

Arthur M. Smith, 1954

Robert J. Collins, 1955

George W. Duhamel, 1956

**Cemetery Commissioners**

Rudolph F. King, 1954

Walter W. Hoar, 1955

Floyd A. Russell, 1956

**Library Trustees**

Bertha L. Shepardson, 1954

Florence R. Gilboy, 1955

Priscilla D. Paine, 1956

**Constables**

Henry J. Cassidy

John F. Sullivan

**Tree Warden**

Arthur M. Smith

**Planning Board**

Dalton H. Wein

Charles S. Dukelow

Philip J. Gavin, Sr.

Theodore W. S. Sink

Charles F. Mandell

**Chief of Police**

John M. Gately



## COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR

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### Finance Committee

Stephen Paine

James J. Clancy

Thomas S. Lydon

Raymond E. Simpson

Louis Thorne

### Smoke and Odor Nuisance Committee

John J. Ward

John Ellington

Dalton H. Wein

### Special Committee on School Building

William R. Porter

Harold Voyer

Mrs. Gertrude Kenney

Charles F. Mandell

Frederick J. Welch

Robert Morse

Joseph Winiker

### General Town Survey Committee

Raymond Simpson

Charles A. Smith

James Clark

William A. Flynn

Daniel Murphy

Frank A. Royce

Morris Mael

### Committee on Swimming Facilities

Harold E. Curran

George E. Harris

Jane T. Robinson

Dr. Jacob J. Zalvan

Earle H. Merkle

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**Memorial Day Committee**

Thomas F. Smith

Joseph Johnson

Anthony Bando

Merle A. Browne

Harold E. Curran

Roderick A. MacLeod

William R. Joyce

Edward P. Tamuleviz

Earle H. Merkle

Edward L. Lane, Jr.

William R. Porter, Jr.

**Committee on Zoning and By-Laws**

J. Howard Sarris

Talbot Dewey

Talbot Baker

John Ellington

Edward I. Mael

**Elementary School Building Committee**

William R. Porter

Mrs. Gertrude Kenney

Harold Voye

Charles F. Mandell

Frederick J. Welch

Robert Morse

Joseph Winiker

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**OFFICERS APPOINTED BY THE SELECTMEN****Town Accountant**

Lawrence J. Reardon, 1956

**Registrars of Voters**

William J. Christian, 1954

Daniel L. Murphy, 1955

Woodworth J. Rice, 1956



**Public Weighers**

Morris Mushnick

Michael Mushnick

**Board of Fire Engineers**

John J. Ward

Moody J. Richardson

Arthur B. Watson

**Fence Viewers**

Elbridge Clark

Moody J. Richardson

**Surveyors of Wood and Lumber**

Otto Lindahl

Frank Hamm

**Inspector of Slaughtering**

Timothy J. McCarthy

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

John J. Ward

**Forest Warden**

Moody J. Richardson

**Animal Inspector**

Timothy J. McCarthy

**Milk Inspector**

Philip J. Gavin, Jr.

**Field Driver**

John M. Gately

**Dog Officer**

Henry J. Cassidy

**Superintendent of Streets**

William F. Cunningham

**Director of Veterans Service**

Philip J. Gavin, Jr.

**Moth Superintendent**

John E. Skarp

**Wire Inspector**

Raymond D. Woodmansee

**Special Police**

John F. Sullivan	Carl E. Bennett
Henry J. Cassidy	Thomas J. Cassidy
Thomas J. Norton	William F. Cunningham
Morris Mushnick	Michael E. Collins
Leo Cassidy	Horace V. Balkam

**Agent of Board of Health**

John M. Gately

**Zoning Law Appeal Board**

William F. Wright	Anthony P. Meleski
Charles E. Inches	Manuel Rosen
Howard Payson	

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**RESULTS OF THE VOTE CAST AT THE  
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION**

**February 9, 1953**

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Moderator, one year, Rudolph F. King	494
Town Clerk, one year, Lloyd C. King	507
Treasurer, one year, Leonard W. Lindahl	466
Board of Public Welfare, three years, Thomas J. Clancy	483
Assessors, three years, George Y. Robinson	486
Selectmen, three years, Morris Mushnick	473



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## School Committee, three years

Julius Doliner	225
Stuart M. King	362
Blanks	21

## Library Trustee, three years, Priscilla Paine

118

## Cemetery Commissioner, three years, Floyd A. Russell

494

## Water Commissioner, three years

Paul T. Clancy	313
Samuel G. Mighton	256
Blanks	39

## Sewer Commissioner, three years, John E. Skarp

488

## Park Commissioner, three years, George Duhamel

433

## Planning Board, three years,

Charles F. Dukelow	158
Theodore W. S. Sink	148
Arthur B. Blackett	57
Charles E. Inches	40
Gertrude Main	3
Thomas Smith	1
Adam P. Consoletti	1
Harold T. Curran	4
Lewis Minor	2
Earle Merkle	1
Robert J. Collins	1
Frank Porter	2
Harold V. Voye	2
William Porter	1
Paul V. Duhamel	1
Richard Booth	1
Thomas Lydon	1
Henry Lewandowski	2
William F. Wright	1

Constables, one year

Henry J. Cassidy

507

John F. Sullivan

481

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**RECORD OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**Held in the High School Auditorium**  
**Millis, Massachusetts, Monday, February 16, 1953**

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The Annual Business Meeting of the Town of Millis was held Monday evening February 16, 1953, in the High School Auditorium, and called to order by the Moderator, Randolph F. King, at 7:30 P. M. The Moderator read the Warrant calling this meeting, and Warrant having been signed by Selectmen Morris M. Hatch, Horace V. Balkam and Michael E. Collins. Attest: Henry J. Cassidy, Constable.

There being no objections offered, the reading of the various Articles at this time was omitted to be read and acted upon individually.

The Annual Town Election of Officers was held in the High School Auditorium Monday, February 9, 1953, at which time and place Article 1 of the Warrant was disposed of, which reads as follows:

ARTICLE 1—To choose a Moderator for one year, a Town Clerk for one year, a Town Treasurer for one year, two Constables for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years, two Members of the Planning Board for three years, one Assessor for three years, one School Committeeman for three years, one Trustee of Public Library for three years, one Park Commissioner for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years.



whereupon it was here omitted and business proceeded directly to the remaining Articles of the Warrant.

At this time the Moderator appointed the following Tellers to act for the evening:—Lawrence J. Reardon, Samuel Weinstein and William Wright.

Before proceeding with the business Mr. Stephen Paine of the Finance Committee mentioned corrections in the Finance Committee report as submitted to the citizens with the 1952 Annual Town Report.

ARTICLE 2—To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

*Voted* that the reports of Town Officers and Committees be accepted.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of Law and Order, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$8,000.00, be appropriated for the maintenance of Law and Order.

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of seven (7) to act in making a general survey of all Town Departments, and report on or before the next Annual Town Meeting, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* to authorize the Moderator to appoint a Committee of seven (7) to act in making a general survey of all Town Departments, and report on or before the Annual Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$800.00, for the Library Department, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$800.00, be appropriated for the Library Department, plus interest from the Library Trust funds.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to establish the position of Town Office Clerk and appropriate a sum of money to be

paid as salary in addition to that paid to said Clerk by the Selectmen. Said Town Office Clerk to be bonded, to maintain regular daily office hours, to accept payment on behalf of the Town Water Board, and all other departments, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion offered by the Finance Committee that the Town establish the position of Town Office Clerk and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, to be paid as salary in addition to that paid to said Clerk by the Selectmen. Said Town Office Clerk to be bonded, to maintain regular daily office hours, to accept payment on behalf of the Town Water Board and all other departments.

Substitute Motion offered that this subject matter be postponed until the Annual Town Meeting of 1954.

After discussion by rising count "Yes" 10—"No" 97, the substitute motion was *Lost*.

*Voted* that the Town establish the position of Town Office Clerk and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, to be paid as salary in addition to that paid to said Clerk by the Selectmen. Said Town Office Clerk to be bonded, to maintain regular daily office hours, to accept payment on behalf of the Town Water Board and all other departments.

ARTICLE 7—To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-Laws, so that the Tax Collector may appoint as his deputy collector the Town Office Clerk, whose position and duties have been authorized by the above Article.

*Voted* that the Town amend the Town By-Laws, so that the Tax Collector may appoint as his deputy collector the Town Office Clerk, (whose position and duties have been authorized by the above article.)

ARTICLE 8—To appropriate money for all necessary expenses, including a sum sufficient to pay all Town Officers' salaries.

*Voted* individually to appropriate money for the several Town Departments as follows:

Schools	\$119,634.31
Debt and Interest	10,500.00



Highways and Bridges	15,850.00
Water Department	14,000.00
Old Age Assistance, in addition to Federal Grant	39,000.00
Welfare Dept. Adm., in addition to Federal Grant	2,100.00
Aid to Dep. Children, in addition to Federal Grant	7,000.00
General Relief	5,300.00
Total Disability, in addition to Federal Grant	2,000.00
Veteran's Benefits	2,500.00
Fire Department	7,000.00
Street Lights	4,800.00
Snow Removal	5,500.00
Cemetery	2,500.00
Sewer Maintenance	1,800.00
Park Department	1,500.00
Memorial Park	100.00
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	\$241,084.31

Under the direction of the Moderator no objections being offered, the following expenses for Town Officers Salaries were voted upon collectively after individual motions on each item:

**Salaries**

Tax Collector	\$ 775.00
Accountant	600.00
Assessors	720.00
Treasurer	450.00
Selectmen	300.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	480.00
Fire Commissioners	200.00
Water Commissioners	200.00
Water Registrar	200.00
Sewer Commissioner	100.00
School Commissioners	250.00
Animal Inspector	150.00
Election Officers	300.00
Town Office Janitor	100.00
Welfare Board	250.00

Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
Milk Inspector	50.00
Board of Registrars	45.00
Town Clerk	175.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
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	\$5,495.00

*Voted* that the sum of \$5,495.00, be appropriated for the salaries of the various Town Officers.

#### Departmental Expenses

Town Office	\$5,000.00
Accountant	75.00
Treasurer	350.00
Treasurer (Tax Titles)	25.00
Tax Collector	750.00
Tax Collector (Tax Takings)	50.00
Election Officers	400.00
Tax Assessors	850.00
Town Clerk	350.00
Board of Registrars	225.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
Water Registrar	150.00
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	\$8,275.00

*Voted* that the sum of \$8,275.00, be appropriated for the expenses of all Town Departments.

Grand Total	<hr/>
	\$254,854.31
Plus additional appropriation later for	
Debt and Interest for a total of \$11,000.00	500.00
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	\$255,354.31

ARTICLE 9—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,775.00, for the salary of the Visiting Nurse for the year 1953:



said appropriation is in no way to be construed as meaning that the Association has to furnish any free service to any category of public assistance, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,775.00, be appropriated for the salary of the Visiting Nurse for the year 1953; said appropriation is in no way to be construed as meaning that the Association has to furnish any free service to any category of public assistance.

ARTICLE 10—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the Tree Department or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$2,000.00 be appropriated for the Tree Department.

ARTICLE 11—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to work for the Tree Department and be paid on an hourly basis, the Town to set the hourly rate of pay or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* to authorize the Tree Warden to work for the Tree Department and be paid on an hourly basis the Town to set the hourly rate of pay.

ARTICLE 12—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the use of the Board of Health, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for the use of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 13—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for special repairs on such streets as are selected by the Massachusetts Highway Commission acting in conjunction with the State and County, or act in any manner relating thereto.

This amount being fixed by the State, it was *Voted* to appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for special repairs on such streets as are selected by the Massachusetts Highway Commission, acting in conjunction with the State and County.

ARTICLE 14—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, said sum being the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners for the care and maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$4,471.35, be appropriated for the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners for the care and maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital.

ARTICLE 15—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Service Board, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$100.00, be appropriated for the maintenance of the Service Board.

ARTICLE 16—To see if the Town will vote to continue a Department for the furnishing of information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II or other veterans as specified in Chapter 115, as inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 584, Acts of 1946, and that this Department headed by a Director of Veterans' Service be merged with that of Veterans' Agent and that the Selectmen make one appointment for the offices of Director of Veterans' Service and Veterans' Agent as allowed by Chapter 115, as amended and that said Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent shall report annually a list of cases handled, disbursements made and other activities. Said report to be printed in the Annual Town Report, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town continue a Department for the furnishing of information, advice and assistance to veterans of World War II, or other veterans as specified in Chapter 115 as inserted by Section 1 of Chapter 584 Acts of 1946 and that this Department headed by a Director of Veterans' Services be merged with that of Veterans' Agent and that the Selectmen make one appointment for the offices of Director of Veterans' Service and Veterans' Agent as allowed by Chapter 115, as amended and that said Director of Veterans' Services and Veterans' Agent shall report annually a list of cases handled, disbursements made and other activities. Said



report to be printed in the Annual Town Report; and that the sum of \$1,250.00, be appropriated for the salary of the Agent, including expenses.

ARTICLE 17—To see if the Town will vote to accept the Stella M. Carter Cemetery Trust Fund of January 1952, or act in any manner relating thereto: \$100.00.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Winthrop P. Mandell Cemetery Trust Fund of October 1952, or act in any manner relating thereto: \$100.00.

To see if the Town will vote to accept Mary Freda Proe Cemetery Trust Fund of October 1952 or act in any manner relating thereto: \$100.00.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Theodore and Katherine Hansen Cemetery Trust Fund of November 1952, or act in any manner relating thereto: \$100.00.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the John Dmytryck Cemetery Trust Fund of December 1952 or act in any manner relating thereto: \$100.00.

*Voted* that the Town do accept the Cemetery Trust Funds of \$100.00, from each of the following:

Stella M. Carter of January 1952	\$100.00
Winthrop P. Mandell of October 1952	100.00
Mary Freda Proe of October 1952	100.00
Theodore and Katherine Hansen of November 1952	100.00
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	\$400.00

ARTICLE 18—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the collection of disposal of garbage, this sum to be spent under the jurisdiction of the Health Department, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,500.00, be appropriated for the collection and disposal of garbage, said sum to be expended under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 19—To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Lot and Grave account for the upkeep of the Cemetery, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,000.00 be transferred from the Lot and Grave account for the upkeep of the Cemetery.

ARTICLE 20—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250.00, for use of the Planning Board, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$250.00, be appropriated for use of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 21—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Adult Evening Practical Art courses, or take any action thereon.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$350.00 for Adult Evening Practical Art courses.

ARTICLE 22—To see if the Town will vote to accept Section 54 Chapter 33 of the General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After discussion and explanation by the Finance Committee, it was *Voted* to dismiss the Article.

ARTICLE 23—To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 595 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Chairman of the Finance Committee read a resume of Chapter 595 Acts of 1948 regarding police duties and authority, after which he made a *Motion* that the Article be dismissed.

After considerable discussion under this Article by rising count—“Yes” 77—“No” 82—the Article was *Not Dismissed*.

By rising count “Yes” 88—“No” 77, it was *Voted* that the Town accept Chapter 595, Acts of 1948, as amended.



ARTICLE 24—To see if the Town will vote to establish a Planning Board of five (5) members in the manner prescribed by Chapter 41, Section 81A, of the General Laws and to provide that the present Planning Board continue to serve until the next annual Town Meeting at which meeting the Planning Board shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Sec. 81A, of the General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town establish a Planning Board of five (5), members in the manner prescribed by Chapter 41, Sec. 81A, of the General Laws and to provide that the present Planning Board continue to serve until the next annual Town Meeting at which meeting the Planning Board shall be elected in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Sec. 81A, of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 25—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their own Water Registrar, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their own Water Registrar.

ARTICLE 26—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to sell or dispose of the remaining soft coal at the Pumping Station approximately 12 tons, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to sell the remaining soft coal at the Pumping Station approximately 12 tons.

The Finance Committee requested that Articles 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 pertaining to Water Extensions, be considered all at the same time and for those Articles that were accepted one vote be taken to cover the financing of all—and it was so *Voted*.

ARTICLE 27—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Spring Street on the Westerly side of Plain Street, a distance of approximately 1125 feet and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* to dismiss the Article.

ARTICLE 28—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Spring Street on the Easterly side of Plain Street to Village Street, a distance of approximately 760 feet and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to dismiss the Article.*

ARTICLE 29—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Orchard Street, a distance of approximately 2100 feet and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to dismiss the Article.*

ARTICLE 31—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Island Road, a distance of approximately 650 feet, and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the sum of \$2,925.00 be appropriated to complete this water extension.

After explanation and discussion this Motion was withdrawn.

*Voted to extend a 6-inch water main on Island Road, a distance of approximately 650 feet and to raise and appropriate money for same.*

ARTICLE 32—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Alma Road, a distance of approximately 550 feet, and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to dismiss this Article.*

ARTICLE 33—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Ridge Street, a distance of approximately 225 feet and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to extend a 6-inch water main on Ridge Street, a distance of approximately 225 feet, and to raise and appropriate money for same, providing the petitioner agrees to concur in assuming a per-*



tion of the expense deemed necessary by the Board of Water Commissioners.

ARTICLE 34—To see if the Town will vote to extend an 8-inch water main from Farm Street, through Hammond Lane, Westerly on Main Street to Railroad Crossing, a distance of approximately 1050 feet, and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made by the Finance Committee that this Article be dismissed.

By voice Vote this Article was *Not Dismissed*.

After discussion and detailed explanation of the project by the petitioner it was *Voted* to extend an 8-inch water main from Farm Street through Hammond Lane, Westerly on Main Street to Railroad Crossing a distance of approximately 1050 feet, and to raise and appropriate money for same.

ARTICLE 35—To see if the Town will vote to extend an 8-inch water main from corner of Woodland Drive Easterly on Main Street a distance of approximately 500 feet and to appropriate money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* to extend an 8-inch water main from corner of Woodland Drive, Easterly on Main Street, a distance of approximately 500 feet, and to raise and appropriate money for same.

ARTICLE 36—To see if the Town will vote to extend an 8-inch water main from the intersection of Village and Main Streets, Easterly on Main Street for a distance of approximately 750 feet, and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made by the Finance Committee that this Article be dismissed.

By rising count "Yes" 23—"No" 41 it was *Voted Not to Dismiss* this Article.

*Voted* to extend an 8-inch water main from the intersection of Village and Main Streets, Easterly on Main Street for a distance of approximately 750 feet, and to raise and appropriate money for same.

By rising count "Yes" 182—"No" 0, it was unanimously *Voted* that the sum of \$16,876.00, be raised and appropriated for the purpose of extending a six-inch water main on Island Road, a distance of approximately 650 feet; for the extension of a six-inch water main on Ridge Street, a distance of approximately 225 feet; for the extension of an eight-inch water main from Farm Street, through Hammond Lane, westerly on Main Street to Railroad Crossing, a distance of approximately 1050 feet; for the extension of an eight-inch water main from the corner of Woodland Drive, easterly on Main Street, a distance of approximately 500 feet; and for the extension of an eight-inch water main from the intersection of Village and Main Streets easterly on Main Street, for a distance of approximately 750 feet; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$876.00, be raised in the tax levy of the current year and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$16,000.00, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than ten years from the date of issue of the first Note.

ARTICLE 30 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to have a Hydraulic Analysis made of the entire water distribution system, including a master plan for all future extensions with an estimated cost of construction, divided by years to give an orderly plan for the Town to work from, together with a complete set of Rules and Regulations to govern all individuals and real estate developments and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,100.00, for the Board of Water Commissioners to have a Hydraulic Analysis made of the entire water distribution system, including a master plan for all future extensions with an estimated cost of construction.



divided by years to give an orderly plan for the Town to work from together with a complete set of Rules and Regulations to govern all individuals and real estate developments.

ARTICLE 37—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the suppression of Gypsy Moth and Brown Tail Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,300.00, be appropriated for the suppression of Gypsy Moth and Brown Tail Moth and Elm Leaf Beetle.

ARTICLE 38—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide post quarters for the Millis Post No. 208 the American Legion (as provided under General Laws Chapter 40, Section 9 as amended by Acts of 1923 Chapter 122) or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$600.00, be appropriated to provide post quarters for the Millis Post No. 208 the American Legion (as provided under General Laws Chapter 40 Section 9 as amended by Acts of 1923, Chapter 122).

ARTICLE 39—To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money for Memorial Day or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$500.00 be appropriated for Memorial Day, and to be expended under a Committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

ARTICLE 40—To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning a Memorial to members of the Armed services who served in World War II the committee to report at a future Town Meeting or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* to continue the Committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning a Memorial to members of the Armed services who served in World War II the committee to report at a future Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 41—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for supervised summer recreational program,

or take any other action thereon.

*Voted* that the sum of \$600.00. be appropriated by the Town for supervised summer recreational program.

ARTICLE 42—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,363.40. from the inactive road machinery account to the active Road Machinery account. to be used for Road Machinery purposes. or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town transfer the sum of \$2,363.40. from the Inactive Road Machinery account to the Active Road Machinery account. to be used for Road Machinery purposes.

ARTICLE 43—To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the overlay reserve a sum of money to be used for a Reserve Fund. or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the sum of \$10,000.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve to be used for a Reserve Fund.

Amended motion offered and *Voted* that the amount of \$4,000.00 be substituted for the amount of \$6,000.00.

*Voted* that the sum of \$4,000.00. be transferred from the Overlay Reserve to be used for a Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 44—To see what disposition the Town will make of the money refunded by the County on account of dog licenses or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the money refunded by the County on account of dog licenses be transferred to the Library Department to be used during the current year in addition to the amount appropriated under Article 5 of this Warrant.

ARTICLE 45—To see if the Town will vote to direct the appointment of a Committee of five (5) citizens who in conjunction with the Planning Board will investigate the matter of zoning and building laws as applied to Millis and who will report to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations based on their findings. or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that a Committee of five (5) citizens be appointed by the Moderator who in conjunction with the Planning Board will investigate the matter of zoning and building laws as applied to Millis and who will report to the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations based on their findings.

Motion made that this Article be dismissed.

By rising count "Yes" 56 "No" 66 *Voted Not to Dismiss the Article.*

*Voted* that a Committee of five (5) citizens be appointed by the Moderator who in conjunction with the Planning Board will investigate the matter of zoning and building laws as applied to Millis and who will report at the next Annual Town Meeting with recommendations based on their findings.

ARTICLE 46—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,250.12 said sum being the 1952 pension cost to the Town of Millis, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$2,250.12 be appropriated, said sum being the 1952 pension cost to the Town of Millis.

ARTICLE 47—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for the upkeep of the Town Clock, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$100.00 be appropriated for the upkeep of the Town Clock.

ARTICLE 48—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the control of the Dutch Elm disease or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,500.00 be appropriated for the control of the Dutch Elm disease.

ARTICLE 49—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid Vocational Tuition bills of 1952, and appropriate a sum of money to pay anticipated bills for the year 1953 or act in any manner relating thereto.



*Voted* that the sum of \$1,500.00, be appropriated to pay unpaid Vocational Tuition bills of 1952, and anticipated bills for the year 1953.

ARTICLE 50 -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or available funds in the treasury the sum of \$10,000.00, for the purpose of creating a Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

After a detailed explanation of this Article by the Finance Committee, this Committee made a Motion that the Town transfer \$8,000.00, from available funds in the treasury to a fund to be known as a Stabilization Fund.

*Motion* offered that this Article be dismissed.

After discussion, by rising count "Yes" 72—"No" 88, it was *Voted Not to Dismiss* the Article.

*Voted* that the Town transfer the sum of \$8,000.00, from available funds in the Treasury to a Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 51—To see if the Town will vote to transfer money of George Barden Fund to Evening Practical Arts Account, or take any action thereon.

*Voted* that the Town transfer money of George Barden Fund to Evening Practical Arts Account.

ARTICLE 52--To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$6,000.00 for the Insurance Account, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Motion* made by the Finance Committee that the sum of \$6,000.00, be appropriated for the Insurance Account.

*Amended Motion* offered that the sum of \$6,000.00, be appropriated and that 50% of the coverage be placed with a Direct Writing Mutual Companies.

By rising count "Yes" 40—"No" 78, *Amendment Was Lost*.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00, for the Insurance Account.

ARTICLE 53—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to paint all exterior painting surfaces of the school building, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$2,300.00, to paint all exterior painting surfaces of the school building.

ARTICLE 54—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to retain an architect for the purpose of drawing pre-plans for an elementary school for presentation at a special town meeting, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$600.00, to retain an architect for the purpose of drawing pre-plans for an elementary school for presentation at a special town meeting this money to be expended under the direction of a committee to be appointed by the Moderator.

The Finance Committee requested that Articles 55 and 57 pertaining to Sewerage Extension, be considered at the same time and if accepted by the Town one vote be taken to cover the financing of same, and it was so *Voted*.

ARTICLE 55—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system from Main Street, Easterly on Plain Street towards Forest Road, a distance of approximately 300 feet, determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system from Main Street, Easterly on Plain Street towards Forest Road, a distance of approximately 300 feet.

ARTICLE 57—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system on Curve Street from Union Street toward Holbrook Square, a distance of approximately 1200 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided

for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system on Curve Street from Union Street towards Holbrook Square, a distance of approximately 1200 feet.

By rising count "Yes" 109—"No" 0, it was unanimously *Voted*, that the sum of \$13,000.00, be raised and appropriated for the purpose of extending the sewer system from Main Street, easterly on Plain Street towards Forest Road, a distance of approximately 300 feet; and for the extension of the sewer system on Curve Street from Union Street towards Holbrook Square a distance of approximately 1200 feet; and that to meet said appropriation the sum of \$175.31, be appropriated from the Sewer Construction Account,—the sum of \$2,161.72 from the Sewer Extension Account of 1951—the sum of \$3,000.00 from the Sewer Extension Account of 1952—and the sum of \$1,462.97, be raised in the tax levy of the current year, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be and hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of \$4,000.00, and to issue notes of the Town therefor, payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than four years from the date of issue of the first Note.

ARTICLE 56—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to repair the sedimentation tanks at the sewerage disposal plant, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$3,500.00, be appropriated to repair the sedimentation tanks at the sewerage disposal plant.

ARTICLE 58—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00, to be used in addition to the Post War Fund of approximately \$6,500.00, already designated by the Town, to renovate, remodel and repair the Town Office Building, in accordance with architect Phillips' original plans approved by the Town Office Building Committee, or act in any manner relating thereto.



Motion made by the Finance Committee that the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00 to be used in renovating the Town Office Building as designated in this Article.

Motion made to dismiss the Article after considerable discussion.

By rising count "Yes" 66—"No" 70, *Voted Not to Dismiss the Article.*

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$10,000.00, to be used in addition to the Post War Fund of approximately \$6,500.00, already designated by the Town to renovate, remodel and repair the Town Office Building in accordance with architect Phillips' original plans approved by the Town Office Building Committee.

ARTICLE 59—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Sewers and to fix his salary in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A Chapter 41 of the General Laws or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town authorize the Sewer Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Sewers and to fix his salary in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A Chapter 41 of the General Laws said salary to be \$300.00 funds for same to be obtained from Sewer Maintenance appropriation.

ARTICLE 60—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint their own clerks of their board and appropriate a sum of money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint their own clerks of their Board, money for same to be obtained from the Assessor's Expense account.

ARTICLE 61—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of 1952, Police Department, as follows:

Watson & Stockbridge, Inc.

\$46.21

Charles A. Smith & Co.	1.39
L. C. Smith & Corona Typewriter Co.	31.32
Town Pharmacy	3.60
New England Tel. & Tel.	.46
New England Tel. & Tel.	34.85
T. J. Cassidy	30.00
T. J. Norton	37.50
J. F. Sullivan	38.75
H. J. Cassidy	53.00
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	\$277.11

or act in any manner relating thereto.

Motion made that the sum of \$277.11, be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of 1952, of the Police Department as listed in the Article.

By rising count "Yes" 124, "No" 0, it was unanimously *Voted* that the sum of \$277.11, be appropriated to pay unpaid bills of 1952, of the Police Department, as listed.

ARTICLE 62—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of \$750.00 for the purchase of fire hose or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$750.00 be appropriated for the purchase of Fire Hose.

ARTICLE 63—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$600.00 for the purchase of an Emerson resuscitator, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$600.00 be appropriated for the purchase of an Emerson resuscitator.

ARTICLE 64—To see if the Town will vote to amend Paragraph 2, Section 5 of the Protective By-Laws to read as follows:

Any dwelling hereafter erected in any district shall be located on a lot having a frontage of not less than 100 feet on a street or way provided that one dwelling may be erected on a lot having a lesser

frontage where said lot existed at the time of this By-Law is adopted and did not adjoin other land of the same owner available in connection with said lot, or take any action in relation thereto.

Inasmuch as this subject matter had neither been advertised nor a public meeting held, the Moderator ruled no action could be taken on this Article.

ARTICLE 65—To see if the Town will vote to add to the present Protective By-Law as follows:

No building lot shall contain less than 15 000 sq. ft. of area excepting where said lot existed at the time this By-Law shall become effective, or take any action in relation thereto.

Inasmuch as this subject matter had neither been advertised nor a public meeting held, the Moderator ruled no action could be taken on this Article.

ARTICLE 66—To see if the Town will vote to replace the 1939 G.M.C. Dump Truck by the purchase of a new truck and the allowance on the old truck to be applied against the purchase price, appropriate money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

After the Finance Committee gave their reasons for so doing, they made a motion that the Town appropriate the sum of \$4 300.00 for the purpose of purchasing a truck and the allowance on the old truck to be applied against the purchase price.

*Voted* that a Mr. Forbes be given an opportunity to explain about a truck he had for sale.

After discussion an *Amended Motion* was offered that the amount of \$4,300.00 be increased to \$6,500.00 and the amended motion was *Voted*.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,500.00, for the purchasing of a new truck and the allowance on the old truck to be applied against the purchase price.

ARTICLE 67—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the cash balance from various departments into general cash, or act in any



manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town transfer the cash balance from various departments into general cash.

At the request of the Finance Committee, at this time it was *Voted* to reconsider Article 8 expense of "Debt & Interest".

*Voted* that the sum of \$10,500.00 as voted be increased to \$11,000.00.

ARTICLE 68—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Construction and Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Voted* that the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90, Highway Construction and Maintenance.

ARTICLE 69—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Construction and Maintenance, or take any action in relation thereto.

*Voted* that the Town transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81, Highway Construction and Maintenance.

ARTICLE 70—To see if the Town will vote to accept from William S. Taylor of Causeway Street, Millis, a small piece of land adjoining Prospect Hill Cemetery, on the West side of the main entrance on Ridge Street; this land to be restricted to beautification purposes only, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town accept from William S. Taylor of Causeway Street, Millis, a small piece of land adjoining Prospect Hill Cemetery, on the West side of the main entrance on Ridge Street; this land to be restricted to beautification purposes only.

ARTICLE 71—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to clear a larger area of Richardson's meadow to improve

skating conditions, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$300.00, to clear a larger area of Richardson's meadow to improve skating conditions.

ARTICLE 72—To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of \$33.40, to reimburse the Millis Visiting Nurse for that part of her 1951 salary which was appropriated but inadvertently not billed to the Town in that year, or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count "Yes" 113, "No" 0, it was unanimously *Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$33.40 to reimburse the Millis Visiting Nurse for that part of her 1951 salary which was appropriated but inadvertently not billed to the Town in that year.

ARTICLE 73—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2,500.00 to build and maintain adequate swimming facilities of Southend Pond or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate no funds at this time, but to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five (5) to advise the Town as to the course of action to be followed on swimming facilities at the next annual meeting.

At this time the Moderator thanked the Finance Committee for their good work interest and very efficient manner in which they had presented the facts of the Article to the citizens of the Town. It showed considerable time and effort spent doing their work.

ARTICLE 74—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000.00, to build a road from Orchard Street to Southend Pond a distance of 2,147 feet; so that the townspeople will have access to the pond for swimming and fishing purposes, or act in many manner relating thereto.

*Voted to Dismiss the Article.*

ARTICLE 75—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the continuation of sidewalk on Main Street, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00, for the continuation of the sidewalk on Main Street.

ARTICLE 76—To see if the Town will vote to accept a report of the Board of Selectmen relative to the acceptance of a relocation and widening of Bridge Street, as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan Showing Relocation and Widening of Bridge Street, Millis, Mass., from Main Street to Dover Street, Scale 1"—40', dated June 20, 1952, Kenneth E. McIntyre, Registered Civil Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor", and to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of \$400.00, for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town accept a report of the Board of Selectmen relative to the acceptance of a relocation and widening of Bridge Street, as shown on a plan entitled, "Plan Showing Relocation and Widening of Bridge Street, Millis, Mass., from Main Street to Dover Street, Scale 1"—40', dated June 20, 1952, Kenneth E. McIntyre, Registered Civil Engineer and Registered Land Surveyor", and to appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 77 -To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 624, Section 5, of the Acts of 1952, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town accept Chapter 624, Section 5, of the Acts of 1952. (Pensions).

ARTICLE 78 -To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for Dental Health Clinic under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$1,000.00, be appropriated to be used for Dental Health Clinic under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 79—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$300.00, be appropriated for Civil Defense.



ARTICLE S0—To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$40,000.00, from available funds for the purpose of its being used to reduce the direct 1953 tax rate.

It is hereby *Voted* in accordance with the Article seeking action on the use of \$40,000.00, that the sum of \$40,000.00, be and hereby is transferred from available funds in the treasury for the purpose of reducing the 1953 tax rate.

ARTICLE S1—To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used for a Reserve Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the sum of \$4,000.00 be appropriated to be used for a Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE S2—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

*Voted* that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1953 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

*Voted* to adjourn at 11:35 P.M.

LLOYD C. KING,

*Town Clerk*

## TABULATIONS OF 1953 APPROPRIATIONS

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Art. 3—Law and Order	\$8,000.00
Art. 5—Library Department	5,000.00
Art. 6—Town Office Clerk	1,000.00

Art. 8—Town Expenses:

### DEPARTMENT

Schools	\$119,634.31
Debt and Interest	11,000.00
Highways and Bridges	15,850.00
Water Department	14,000.00
Old Age Assistance, in addition to Federal Grant	39,000.00
Welfare Department Adm., in addition to Federal Grant	2,100.00
Aid to Dependent Children, in addition to Federal Grant	7,000.00
General Relief	5,300.00
Total Disability, in addition to Federal Grant	2,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	2,500.00
Fire Department	7,000.00
Street Lights	4,800.00
Snow Removal	5,500.00
Cemetery	2,500.00
Sewer Maintenance	1,800.00
Park Department	1,500.00
Memorial Park	100.00

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\$241,584.31

## SALARIES

Tax Collector	775.00
Accountant.	600.00
Assessors	720.00
Treasurer	450.00
Selectmen	300.00
Inspector of Slaughtering	480.00
Fire Commissioners	200.00
Water Commissioners	200.00
Water Registrar	200.00
Sewer Commissioners	100.00
School Commissioners	250.00
Animal Inspector	150.00
Election Officers	300.00
Town Office Janitor	100.00
Welfare Board	250.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00
Milk Inspector	50.00
Board of Registrars	45.00
Town Clerk	175.00
Wire Inspector	100.00
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	5,495.00

## DEPARTMENTAL EXPENSES

Town Office	5,000.00
Accountant	75.00
Treasurer	350.00
Treasurer (Tax Titles)	25.00
Tax Collector	750.00
Tax Collector (Tax Takings)	50.00
Election Officers	400.00
Tax Assessors	850.00
Town Clerk	350.00
Board of Registrars	225.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00



Water Registrar	150.00
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	6,275.00
Grand Total of Town Expenses	<hr/> \$235,354.31
Art. 9—Visiting Nurse	1,775.00
Art. 10—Tree Department	2,000.00
Art. 12—Board of Health	1,500.00
Art. 13—Special Repairs on Streets	1,000.00
Art. 14—Norfolk County Hospital	4,471.38
Art. 15—Service Board Maintenance	100.00
Art. 16—Director of Veterans' Services and Agent	1,250.00
Art. 18—Garbage Disposal	1,500.00
Art. 20—Planning Board	250.00
Art. 21—Adult Evening Practical Art Courses	750.00
Art. 20—Hydraulic Analysis of the Water System	2,100.00
Art. 31, 33, 34, 35 and 36—Water Extensions	570.00
Art. 37—Suppression of the Gypsy Moth	1,200.00
Art. 38—Quarters for Millis Post No. 208	600.00
Art. 39—Memorial Day	500.00
Art. 41—Supervised Summer Recreational Program	600.00
Art. 46—1952 Pension Cost	2,250.12
Art. 47—Town Clock Maintenance	100.00
Art. 48—Control of Dutch Elm Disease	1,500.00
Art. 49—Unpaid Vocational Tuition Bills	1,500.00
Art. 52—Insurance Account	6,000.00

## ANNUAL REPORT

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Art. 53—Painting School Building	2,300.00
Art. 54—Pre-plans for Elementary School	600.00
Art. 55, 57—Sewer System Extension	1,462.97
Art. 56—Repair Sedimentation Tanks	3,500.00
Art. 58—Renovate Town Office Building	10,000.00
Art. 61—Unpaid 1952 Police Department Bills	277.11
Art. 62—Fire Hose	750.00
Art. 63—Emerson Resuscitator	600.00
Art. 66—Town Truck	6,500.00
Art. 71—Richardson's Meadow Skating Area	300.00
Art. 72—Millis Visiting Nurse 1951 Salary	33.40
Art. 75—Continuation Main Street Sidewalk	1,000.00
Art. 76—Relocation Bridge Street	400.00
Art. 78—Dental Health Clinic	1,000.00
Art. 79—Civil Defense	300.00
Art. 81—Reserve Fund	4,000.00
Grand Total	<hr/> \$329,700.29

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TRANSFERS

Art. 19—Lot and Grave Account	\$1,000.00
Art. 42—Road Machinery Account	2,363.40
Art. 43—Overlay to Reserve Fund	4,000.00
Art. 50—Stabilization Fund from Available Funds	8,000.00
Art. 55, 57—Sewer Department from	

Sewer Construction	\$ 375.31
Sewer Extension—1951	2,161.72
Sewer Extension—1952	5,000.00

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 7,537.03

## WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

**Tuesday, June 9, 1953, A. D.**

### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Norfolk, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis, in said County,

#### GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millis, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet on Tuesday, June 9, 1953, at 7:30 P.M., in the High School Auditorium in said Millis, then and there to Act on the following Articles, viz:

Moderator Rudolph F. King called meeting to order at 7:30 P.M., by reading the Warrant and Constable Return.

Moderator appointed Lawrence J. Beardon and Samuel Weinstein as tellers.

Roll call was called for showing 98 voters were present.

At this time a recess was declared.

Meeting reconvened at 7:45 P.M. and roll call showed 145 voters present which was still not a quorum; therefore, Article 1 was passed over and Article 2 taken up.



ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to purchase a new Police Car and to have the allowance on the old car applied against the cost of the new car, appropriate money for same, or transfer money from the reserve fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town transfer the sum of \$650.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to purchase a new Police Car and to have the allowance on the old car applied against the cost of the new car.

ARTICLE 3—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Commissioners, with the Board of Selectmen, to sell a parcel of land adjoining the Bigelow Estate, on Norfolk Road, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to Dismiss this Article.*

ARTICLE 4—To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of funds appropriated for the Highway truck, at last regular meeting. The amount to be transferred to the Highway Machinery and Equipment Fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to Dismiss this Article.*

ARTICLE 5—To see if the Town will vote to accept the Gunnar E. Anderson Cemetery Trust Fund of May 12, 1953, for \$100.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

To see if the Town will vote to accept the Clarence E. Simpson Cemetery Trust Fund of May 7, 1953, for \$100.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* to accept the Cemetery Trust Funds of

Gunnar E. Anderson, May 12, 1953	\$100.00
Clarence E. Simpson May 7 1953	100.00

Another roll call was taken at this time and a quorum of 165 being present, Article 1 was now taken up.

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will appropriate the insurance money collected from fire damage, or any other sum for the necessary repairs to the Fire Station, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Motion* made that the Town vote to use the insurance money received to pay for the damage to the Fire Station, said sum amounting to \$4,681.35.

*Substitute Motion* made that *Article* be dismissed.

***Voted Not to dismiss the Article.***

By rising count "Yes" 53—"No" 56—it was *Voted* not to use the insurance money received to pay for the damage to the Fire Station amounting to \$4,681.35.

ARTICLE 6—To see if the Town will vote to construct, originally equip and furnish an elementary school building on the land owned by the Town, and appropriate the necessary money therefor, by transferring from available funds, by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

*Motion* made that the Town vote to construct, originally equip and furnish an Elementary School building to be located on land belonging to the Town shown as "Parcel B, Deed No. 5952", dated April 10, 1922, Registry of Deeds, Dedham, Mass., and that the sum of \$370,000.00 be appropriated therefor to be raised as follows: That \$20,000.00 be transferred from available funds, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed the remainder: viz., \$350,000.00, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and Chapter 645 Acts of 1918 as amended so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the issuance of the first bond or note or such earlier date as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may determine.

At the time William R. Porter, Chairman of the Special Committee on the new elementary school building, assisted by Frederick Welch, Harold Vove and Robert Morse, who were also members of this Committee presented to the meeting plans, specifications and estimates of the probable cost of the new school building as called for under this Article 6.

*Substitute Motion* made that the Town vote to authorize the present Building Committee to employ Mr. Alonzo Harriman in the preparation of full building plans and that the sum of \$17,625.00 be transferred from available funds for this purpose and that the present Building Committee be directed to secure competitive bids on these plans and to submit to a regular or special Town Meeting the resulting bids for decision.

By rising count "Yes" 50—"No" 113—*Substitute Motion* was *Lost*.

Short recess declared.

Meeting called to order.

By rising count "Yes" 178—"No" 1—it was *Voted* to construct, originally equip and furnish an Elementary School Building to be located on land belonging to the Town shown as "Parcel B. Deed No. 5952, dated April 10, 1922, Registry of Deeds, Dedham, Mass.", and that the sum of \$370,000.00, be appropriated therefor to be raised as follows:

That \$20,000.00 be transferred from available funds, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen be authorized to borrow a sum not to exceed the remainder; viz., \$350,000.00; and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, of the General Laws and Chapter 645 Acts of 1948, as amended so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of the issuance of the first bond or note or such earlier date as the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, may determine.

ARTICLE 7—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint an Elementary School Building Committee with authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish said building or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted* that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint an Elementary School Building Committee with authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish said building.



***Motion made to reconsider Article 1.***

By rising count "Yes" 122—"No" 4—*Voted to reconsider Article 1.*

By rising count "Yes" 113—"No" 41—*Voted that the Town appropriate the sum of \$4,681.35. to be used for the necessary repairs to the Fire Station, this sum to be transferred from the insurance money collected from fire damage to the Fire Station.*

ARTICLE 8—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Parks and who will be paid on an hourly basis. The money to be obtained from the Park's Appropriation, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Substitute Motion made that this Article be laid on the table*  
***Substitute Motion Lost.***

*Voted to authorize the Park Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Parks and who will be paid on an hourly basis at the prevailing wage of Town employees. The money to be obtained from the Park's Department appropriation.*

ARTICLE 9—To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to act to eliminate the smoke and odor nuisance in the East Millis Section of the Town or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted that the Town authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to act to eliminate the smoke and odor nuisance in the East Millis Section of the Town.*

ARTICLE 10—To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V of the Protective By-Law of the Town by striking therefrom subsections 5-1 and 5-2 and substituting therefor the following.

"5-1 *Floor Area*—No building or structure shall be erected, altered or used for dwelling purposes in any district unless said building or structure has a minimum of 720 sq. ft. of habitable floor space for each family occupying said building or structure.

*"5-2 Lot Acreage and Frontage.* No building lot hereafter laid out in the Town of Millis for dwelling purposes shall be less than 12,000 sq. ft. in area and be less than 90 feet in width at the front line of the building";

pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

*Motion* made that the Town do amend Section V of the Protective By-Law of the Town by striking therefrom subsections 5-1 and 5-2, and substituting therefor the sections 5-1 and 5-2 as stated in the Article.

*Substitute Motion* made that Article 10 be dismissed.

*Voted to Dismiss Article 10.*

ARTICLE 11—To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system from Main Street to Spring Street to the property owned by John H. and Helen Clancy, determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury or act in any manner relating thereto.

By rising count "Yes" 79; "No" 24—*Voted to Dismiss Article 11.*

ARTICLE 12—To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Spring Street on the easterly side of Plain Street, a distance of approximately 300 feet and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to Dismiss Article 12.*

ARTICLE 13 - To see if the Town will vote to extend a 6-inch water main on Causeway Street, a distance of approximately 400 ft. and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to Dismiss Article 13.*

ARTICLE 14 - To see if the Town will vote to extend an 8-inch water main from Farm Street to westerly on Acorn Street a distance of approximately 2700 ft. and to appropriate money for same, or act in any manner relating thereto.

*Voted to Dismiss Article 14.*

*Voted to adjourn the meeting at 10:00 P.M.*

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 21st day of May A. D. 1953.

HORACE V. BALKAM,  
MICHAEL E. COLLINS,  
MORRIS MUSHNICK,

*Selectmen of Millis*

A true copy.

Attest: Henry J. Cassidy, Constable of Millis.

29th day of May 1953

Millis, Mass., June 8, 1953

NORFOLK, S.S.

By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Millis of said meeting at said time and place as herein directed and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Millis.

HENRY J. CASSIDY,

*Constable of Millis*

LLOYD C. KING,

*Town Clerk*



**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING****Monday, July 20, 1953, A.D.**

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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS****Norfolk, S.S.**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis, in said  
**County,** **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millis, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet on Monday July 20 1953 at 8:00 P.M., in the High School Auditorium in said Millis, then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

Moderator, Rudolph F. King, called meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. by reading the Warrant and Constable Return.

ARTICLE 1—To see if the Town will vote that a substantial shortage of rental housing accommodations exists in the Town of Millis and that the control of rents in the Town is necessary in the public interest.

By rising *Vote* "Yes" 9—"No" 5, it was *Voted* to dismiss the Article.

ARTICLE 2—To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 434, of the Acts of 1953, which is "An Act Relative to Rent Control".

No action taken.

*Voted* to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. .

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 6th day of July A.D. 1953.

HORACE V. BALKAM,  
MICHAEL E. COLLINS,  
MORRIS MUSHNICK,  
*Selectmen of Millis*

A true copy.

Attest: Henry J. Cassidy, Constable of Millis.

July 11, 1953

NORFOLK, S.S.

Millis, Mass., July 11, 1953

By virtue of this Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of Millis of said meeting at said time and place as herein directed and in accordance with the By-Laws of the Town of Millis.

HENRY J. CASSIDY,  
*Constable of Millis*

LLOYD C. KING,  
*Town Clerk*

## BIRTHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1953

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<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<i>1952</i>		
Aug. 19	Peter Dunster Dewey	Talbot and Priscilla
Sept. 14	Gary Steven Rosen	Julius and Louise
Nov. 2	Samuel Isack Burstyn	Abram and Lea
Nov. 20	William Owen Getchell	Warren E. and Mary
Dec. 3	Alan Scott King	Gordon P. and Charlotte
Dec. 22	..... Wilmarth	David L. and Phyllis L.
Dec. 24	Marie Julie DiSciullo	Samuel J. and Grace L.
<i>1953</i>		
Jan. 2	April Cynthia Aalto	Tauno and Aquinas M.
Jan. 4	Robert Spinosa	Ralph and Patricia
Jan. 9	Lucinda Marie Long	Sylvester and Ann
Jan. 19	Fred Arnold Mael	Nysen and Estelle
Jan. 21	Kathleen Rose Cassidy	Joseph and May
Jan. 22	Robert F. Snyder, Jr.	Robert F. and Mary E.
Jan. 23	Marsha Ann Downing	John T. and Mary E.
Jan. 24	Jeanne Gavin	Edward P. and Rita
Jan. 28	Barbara Charlotte Bain	Allan and Barbara
Jan. 29	John Edward Murphy, Jr.	John E. and Barbara A.
Feb. 11	Timothy Horace Cushman	Charles M. and Betty
Feb. 17	Clifford James Thatcher	Clifford D. and Marcia-Lee
Feb. 20	Ann Berdena Batchelder	Charles W. and Berdena
Feb. 22	Stephen Glen MacInnes	Warren B. and Shirley
Feb. 27	Cheryl Ann Homes	George H. and Eleanor M.
Feb. 28	Cunningham	Edward and Mary
Mar. 17	Nancy Ann Belanger	Albert L. and Florence
Mar. 20	Joseph Edward Alger	Harold H. and Charlotte T.
Mar. 27	Brian Richard Young	Richard A. and Elaine
Mar. 27	Carollinda Lee Rines	Chester and Gertrude
Mar. 28	Jayne Elizabeth English	Joseph F. and Shirley



Apr. 3	Mary Elizabeth Frye	Robert H. and Mary T.
Apr. 3	Michael Godfrey Cave	James T. and Miriam M.
Apr. 8	Donna Marie Clark	Russell R. and Geraldine F.
Apr. 8	Debra Lee Clark	Russell R. and Geraldine F.
Apr. 19	Arthur Badger Blackett, Jr.	Arthur B. and Nancy
May 1	Alan Davis Washer	Maurice and Della H.
May 6	George Jerome Arnold, Jr.	George J. and Joanne
May 9	Janyce Lee Perry	Francis A. and Carlene E.
May 13	Deborah May Gibbs	Henry L. and Grace M.
May 14	Jennifer Mildred Payne	Arthur S. and Doris
May 26	Dana William Weiner	Abraham and Ethel
June 9	Carol Ann Bennett	John R. and Lucy
June 9	James Justin O'Brien	William H. and Sarah S.
June 15	Robert Nielsen Leslie, Jr.	Robert N. and Patricia
June 25	Kathleen Mary Kerwin	Edward P. and Ida
June 28	Kevin Paul O'Rourke	John F. and Katherine
July 4	Gayle Elizabeth Barrett	Richard C. and Elizabeth
July 14	Niles Rosenfeld	Huna and Harriett
July 21	Alice Mary Szablinski	Victor L. and Eloise
July 23	Bonnie Jean Murdock	Charles and Jean
July 25	Jeanne Marie Sarris	Joseph H. and Margaret
Aug 3	Sheril Ann Harcovitz	William and Virginia
Aug 9	Edward Alden Wilmarth, Jr.	Edward A. and Althea R.
Aug 10	James Dexter Balkam	Horace E. and Anne
Aug 20	Melissa Ann Hopkins	Richard A. and Phyllis V.
Aug 24	Deborah Joan Kaminski	John J. and Mary
Aug. 26	..... Burnett	Paul C. and Margaret
Aug. 30	Richard Alan Porter	Richard F. and Martha J.
Sept. 3	Mary Elizabeth Sink	Theo. W. S. and Phyllis
Sept. 4	Scott Allen Lewis	Bernard and Lillian
Sept. 7	Paul Arthur Bentley	Richard H. and Roseanna
Sept. 15	Susan Ellen Pelletier	Omer E. and Lenola
Sept. 21	Marsha Lee Hobson	Bruce C. and Joan M.
Sept. 23	Eric Wayne Johansen	Frederick and Barbara
Sept. 25	Thomas Paul Duhamel	Paul and Violet
Sept. 26	Jane Marie Mitchell	Robert R. and Ann
Sept. 29	Bruce Gerald Cassidy	George D. and Regina C.

Oct. 7	Sheila Jean Dixon	Richard and Catherine
Oct. 10	Ronald Wayne Dunlap	Harold and Pauline
Nov. 3	Margaret Moran	Augustus R. and Marie
Nov. 12	Sheila Beth Tate	Ivan R. and Alice
Nov. 14	Brock Richard Kinnear	Lloyd and Alice
Nov. 24	Ronald Cartier	Raymond B. and Ethel

## ANNUAL REPORT

## MARRIAGES RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Residence</i>	<i>By Whom</i>	<i>Where</i>
<i>1952</i>				
Aug. 24	Melvin Arthur Mael Rona Rae Groman	Millis Winthrop	Rev. I. Horowitz Rabbi	Brookline
Dec. 7	Kenneth Mael Fayden Ruth Coplan	Millis Brookton	Rev. I. Horowitz Rabbi	Brookline
<i>1953</i>				
Jan. 24	Allan A. Blackwell Annette T. Kearney	Millis Millis	Rev. Thomas F. Ferris	Millis
Feb. 7	John Francis Clancy Nancy Daverin Nash	Millis Hopkinton	Rev. John F. Donoghue	Hopkinton
Feb. 14	Joseph John McCarthy Hazel Jane Lipsett	Medfield Millis	Rev. Thomas F. Ferris	Millis
Mar. 7	Paul Lester Mick, Jr. Florence S. Sherman	Millis Dover	Rev. Walter F. Kraft	Dover
Mar. 21	Charles LaChois Nancy E. Koch	Millis Medfield	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
Mar. 23	Nelson Kessler Lilby Doliner	Exeter Millis	David H. Weisenberg Rabbi	Roxbury



May 24	Alexander H. Harcovitz Helen Rudenko	Mill Peabody	Rev. Leo Silkin	Salem
June 6	Charles Patrick DeAngelis Elizabeth Ann Smith	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert C. Bryson	Millis
June 7	Julian Harris Main Phyllis Harris	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 12	Leonard W. Landahl Charlotte M. Olson	Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 13	Stanton E. Tefft Ruth Joyce Wright	New Boston, N. H. Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 14	Abraham Bernard Buckler Rosaline Winkler	Central Falls, R. I. Millis	Aaron Cohen Rabbi	Providence, R.I.
June 18	Damon G. Grimes, Jr. Nellie Bertha Dawe	Craddock, Va. Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
June 27	Joseph E. Holt Virginia F. Lyons	Millis Medfield	Rev. Thomas F. Ferris	Millis
June 28	Edward Alden LaCroix Elizabeth Ann Corbin	Millis Natick	Rev. Stillman F. Myers	S. Natick
July 3	Henry Eugene Walsh Virginia Sumarrian	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
July 17	Hugo Rauh Ehnes Laura Maebelle Burns	Medfield Millis	Rev. Harold C. Johnson	Roxbury

July 18	Robert H. Quinn Jean Marie Curley	Millis Medway	Rev. Francis L. McGrath	Medway
Aug. 1	John W. Berridge Marion G. Connell	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert C. Bryson	Millis
Aug. 22	Raymond Joseph Gagnon Rose Patricia DiCenzo MacKenzie	Fall River Millis	Rev. Thomas R. Ferris	Millis
Sept. 5	Earl M. Savage Kathe Krohn Bayramshian	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis
Sept. 7	Mitchell J. Canusko Fimilia R. Corbassiero	Millis Natick	Rev. Joseph P. Gately	Natick
Sept. 12	Thomas F. Smith Consuelo L. Miret	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert C. Bryson	Millis
Sept. 19	Edward Stephen Dmytrvck Mary Ann Gagne	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert C. Bryson	Millis
Sept. 26	James Francis Tabarani Janet Marie Brodeur	Millis Millis	Rev. Robert C. Bryson	Millis
Oct. 3	Henry S. Joyce, Jr. Barbara M. Shields	East Prov., R. I. Millis	Rev. Thomas F. Ferris	Millis
Oct. 17	Robert B. Ripley Ann F. Bison	Medfield Millis	Rev. Robert C. Bryson	Millis
Oct. 17	Clarence O. Gay, Jr. Anne Louise Congdon	West Medway Millis	Rev. Robert I. Howland	Millis

Oct. 24	Christopher Francis Clancy Nancy Edna Simpson	Millis Millis	Rev. William F. Donovan	Millis
Nov. 7	Paul E. Smith Agnes Louise Flaherty	Millis Medway	Rev. Francis L. McGrath	Medway
Nov. 22	Albert A. Fields, Jr. Lillian L. O'Neill	Stoughton Millis	Rev. Vernon D. O'Neill	Millis
Nov. 28	Leo R. Harrison, Jr. Elizabeth Patricia Ronan	Millis So. Natick	Rev. Francis C. Egan	So. Natick
Dec. 19	Donald Wesley Frink Vivian LeBlanc	Millis Norfolk	Rev. Robert L. Howland	Millis



## DEATHS RECORDED IN MILLIS DURING THE YEAR 1953

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Burial</i>
<i>1952</i>			
Dec. 22	Wilmarth	— — —	Medford
<i>1953</i>			
Jan. 10	Mary Patricia Rainville	58 5 23	Millis
Jan. 21	Carlo Brovelli	68 6 3	Millis
Feb. 3	Max Kaufman	73 — —	W. Roxbury
Feb. 15	Michael F. Power	84 11 8	Millis
Feb. 28	.....Cunningham	— — —	Millis
Mar. 2	Mary Elizabeth Congdon	35 10 27	Millis
Mar. 15	Lydia V. Ross Voyer	43 9 25	Quincy
Mar. 18	Antonio DeAngelis	84 — —	Boston
Apr. 3	Michael Mirkin	79 — —	W. Roxbury
Apr. 9	Rose Offner Demery	66 3 11	Framingham
May 9	John W. Skarp	87 6 22	Millis
May 20	Lillian Kaplan Price	58 10 2	W. Roxbury
June 12	Lizzie Belle McFetridge	81 1 8	Millis
June 28	Sarah H. Holland	73 4 6	Millis
July 2	John F. W. Bahr	73 9 9	Millis
July 25	Esther F. Seletzky	73 — —	W. Roxbury
Aug. 26	.....Burnett	— — —	Medway
Aug. 26	Mary Bruzita Kaminski	52 3 26	Millis
Oct. 26	Irving Richardson Clark	79 0 2	Millis
Oct. 31	Harry Michael Shannon	70 9 12	Millis
Nov. 6	Margaret B. Heyer	93 8 12	Boston
Dec. 4	John Joseph Crowley	65 6 14	Brookline
Dec. 9	Pearl F. Allen	63 1 24	Millis
Dec. 14	Nellie M. Horn Parsons	74 7 21	Millis
Dec. 21	Katherine M. Craven	67 — —	Boston
Dec. 29	William Addison Young, Sr.	79 7 27	Millis

**BURIALS RECORDED IN MILLIS  
DURING THE YEAR 1953**

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age</i>	<i>Place of Death</i>
<i>1953</i>			
Jan. 9	Emma L. Finch	44 1 26	Natick
Jan. 11	Malcolm H. Ladd	27 9 23	Waltham
Jan. 29	Miles William Currier	— — —	Natick
Mar. 15	Edward Martin Johansen	31 5 4	Braintree
Apr. 14	Carrie G. Downing	89 9 15	Townsend
Apr. 22	Carl F. Gustavson	72 9 —	Boston
May 2	Grace M. McCallum	67 6 20	Boston
May 28	William Blair	63 — 13	Waltham
July 11	Irving James Rolfe	47 — —	Stockton, Cal.
Dec. 6	John W. Stobbart, Sr.	85 4 4	Wrentham

## REPORT OF BOARD OF FIRE ENGINEERS

### Citizens of the Town of Millis:

The Board of Fire Engineers submit the following report for the year 1953.

The Department was called to extinguish 48 grass and wood fires; 5 commercial building fires; 11 dwelling house fires; 3 oil burner fires and 1 automobile fire. We also responded to 1 false alarm, 7 emergency calls and 3 re-susitator calls. The Rockville Department was called to assist at 18 fires.

The pumper ordered in 1952 was delivered and tested for acceptance for the Town on January 10th.

Fire hose and resusitator were awarded to the low bidder, Chas. H. Clougherty Fire Equipment Company of Melhill.

The Telephone Company notified us that the present phone system will be changed to a dial system early in 1955 and that the present exchange would be eliminated. We therefore are losing our means of transmitting fire alarms and we believe the Town should start installing a fire alarm system. We therefore have an article in the Warrant for same.

We are also working in conjunction with the Selectmen and Telephone Company in regards to phone service and the placing of the alarm transmitter for twenty-four hour service.

As there was much controversy over voting the monies collected for fire loss at the Millis Station to be used for repairs, we spent only that which was necessary to weather the building and for purchase of chairs for meeting room. We have inserted an Article in the Warrant calling for an appropriation of \$3,500.00 to be used with unexpended fire loss sum of \$3,575.00 to do necessary fire loss repairs and further alter the building as follows:

Install Steel I Beam across front of building to allow for widening of present doors.

Lower apparatus floor to level of sidewalk and repairs to foundation walls (present floor must be replaced as it has settled 2" into filled cellar, and foundation walls have weakened) and install new heating system.

Most all of us like to follow emergency vehicles or go to the scene of a fire but unfortunately not all of us will park the car to insure the safe arrival of the emergency vehicles, therefore, we are reprinting the law in regards to same:

#### AN ACT FURTHER RESTRICTING THE USE OF WAYS IN CASE OF FIRE

Be it enacted, etc., as follows:

Chapter 89 of the General Laws is hereby amended by striking out Section 7A, as appearing in the Tercentenary Edition and inserting in place thereof the following:—

*Section 7A.* Upon the approach of any fire apparatus which is going to a fire or responding to an alarm, every person driving a vehicle on a way shall immediately drive said vehicle as far as possible toward the right-hand curb or side of said way and shall keep the same at a standstill until such fire apparatus has passed. No person shall drive a vehicle over a hose of a fire department without the consent of a member of such department. No person shall drive a vehicle within three hundred feet of any fire apparatus going to a fire or responding to an alarm, nor drive said vehicle, or park or leave the same unattended, within eight hundred feet of a fire or within the fire lines established by the fire department, or upon or beside any traveled way, whether public or private, leading to the scene of a fire, in such a manner as to obstruct the approach to the fire of any fire apparatus or any ambulance, safety or police vehicle, or of any vehicle bearing an official fire or police department designation. Violation of any provision of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one hundred dollars.



Approved March 25, 1952.

We wish to thank the motorists of this Town for their cooperation in extending to us the right of way that is ours; and to insure the right of way of a flashing red light, we have instructed the drivers not to use them when returning from a fire.

We also wish to thank Dexter Gould, general manager of the Millis Transportation Company, for so generously allowing us the use of their garage for storing the fire apparatus during the loss of our station due to the fire.

Thanks to the Police, Highway, Water Departments and telephone operators for their assistance to us during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. WARD,

ARTHUR WATSON,

MOODY J. RICHARDSON,

*Board of Fire Engineers.*

**REPORT OF  
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

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December 31, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Millis:

I herewith submit my report as Sealer of Weights and Measures for the year of 1953.

All stores, fruit and vegetable stands, gasoline stations and farms were visited for inspection of scales and gas pumps.

Scales tested and sealed	22
Scales tested and not sealed	1
Weights tested and sealed	43
Liquid measures sealed	3
Gasoline pumps sealed	11
Grease pumps sealed	8

Sealing fees collected—\$38.60—and duly turned over to Town Treasurer.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. WARD,

*Sealer.*

## PLANNING BOARD REPORT FOR 1953

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of Millis:

The Planning Board held regular meetings during the past year, discussing future plans for the Town and approving one (1) new sub-division known as "Forest Acres". This is to be built off Main Street by Edwin R. Faris.

At the regular Town Meeting, February 1953, it was voted by the Town to have the Moderator appoint an Advisory Board to the Planning Board, to work in conjunction with the Planning Board and to make their own proposals for improvement in the operation of the Protective By-Laws.

The Planning Board had an appropriation of \$250.00, of which only \$85.19 has been used. The Planning Board, under the new "Sub-division Control Law", is requiring in all new developments not already serviced by streets, water or sewer, that the costs of these services will be borne by the developer rather than the taxpayers. The members of the Planning Board have appreciated the assistance given by the Advisory Board appointed by the Moderator, and also feel that a Long-Range Planning Board should be appointed in the future by the Moderator to work in conjunction with the incumbent Planning Board.

Respectfully submitted,

DALTON H. WEIN, *Chairman*

CHARLES DUKELOW, *Clerk*

T. J. SINK

PHILIP GAVIN

CHARLES MANDELL

## TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1953

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Dr.

To Warrants	
Real Estate	\$168,961.75
Personal Property	18,877.00
Poll Tax	1,704.00
Refund Real Estate	984.27
	<hr/> \$190,527.02

Cr.

By Amount Paid Treasurer	\$169,512.10
Tax Titles	195.00
Abatements	9,047.75
Outstanding	11,772.17
	<hr/> \$190,052.02

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1953

Dr.

To Warrants	\$26,839.12
Refunds	528.00
	<hr/> \$27,367.12

Cr.

By Amount Paid Treasurer	\$17,819.84
Abatements	805.95
Outstanding	8,741.33
	<hr/> \$27,367.12



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Outstanding Sewer Bal. Dec. 31, 1953

\$13,373.76

Prior to 1953

Dr.

Balance Dec. 31, 1952

\$6,708.09

Interest

52.03

           \$6,760.12

Cr.

By Amount Paid Treasurer

\$5,018.43

Outstanding

1,741.69

           \$6,760.12

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Prior to 1953

Dr.

Balance, Dec. 31, 1953

\$6,371.05

Interest

47.32

           \$6,418.37

Cr.

By Amount Paid Treasurer

\$3,693.55

Abatements

862.84

Outstanding

1,861.98

           \$6,418.37

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH ENGLISH

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

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January 12, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Millis:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

During the year the following number of animals were  
slaughtered:

Beef cattle	92
Calves	320
Sheep	7

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY J. McCARTHY

*Inspector of Slaughtering*

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## REPORT OF THE FIELD DRIVER

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Millis:

Three complaints of stray animals were investigated, one horse and two cows, said animals being picked up by their respective owners. There was no damage to property or persons resulting.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GATELY,

*Field Driver*

## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

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January 12, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
the Citizens of Millis:

I hereby submit the following report of the inspection of animals  
for the year ending December 31, 1953.

The annual barn and animal inspection has been completed.

There were four hundred and seventy-three head of cattle brought  
in from out of state. These were checked and released.

During the year there were eighteen dog bites and none of these  
dogs showed any symptoms of rabies.

All other work was carried out as ordered by the Director of  
Livestock Disease Control.

Respectfully submitted,

TIMOTHY J. McCARTHY,

*Inspector of Animals.*

## REPORT OF CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of Millis:

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The Cemetery Commissioners are pleased to present our report for the year 1953. Prospect Hill Cemetery comprises approximately twenty-one acres, including the old and the new sections. The lots have been cared for during the past year and special attention has been given to all the perpetual care lots, including an application of fertilizer early in the spring.

Our reforestation project in the wooded section of the cemetery is still being continued, and we believe that eventually it will not only add to its beauty but will in the distant future be a source of revenue.

Each year an increasing number of families are presenting money to the town in the form of Cemetery Trust Funds so their cemetery lots will have perpetual care. Your Commissioners are pleased with this action.

This year we provided stands for potted plants and baskets. During the long dry spell we had some boys water all the plants at least twice a week.

The co-operation your Commissioners received from town officials and the townspeople merits our deep appreciation and sincere thanks. We will continue to plan and work for the improvement of Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HOAR, *Chairman*  
FLOYD RUSSELL, *Secretary*  
RUDOLPH F. KING, *Supt.*

*Cemetery Commissioners*



## CIVILIAN DEFENSE REPORT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Millis:

As we reported to you in 1951 and 1952, a Civil Defense Organization in the town of Millis has been organized and set up according to Executive Orders.

There have been some recent changes in the state and county setup and we expect there will be further changes as soon as the new State Director has been appointed and takes office.

The Civil Defense Center, as you know, was in the lower part of the railroad station where we had telephone and radio connections with the proper state and county officials. Because of the renovation of the railroad station, the headquarters have not been in use for some time. However, we have been advised that the rooms are now ready for use of the Town Officials, and we hope to have our telephone and radio equipment installed in the very near future so that we can meet the requirements of the State Director of Civil Defense.

We think we should mention the very fine blood typing program that was carried out in 1953 under the direction of our District Nurse, Myrtle A. Coldwell. Eight hundred fifty-four Millis citizens took part in this patriotic demonstration.

Respectfully submitted,

WALTER HOAR

RUDOLPH F. KING

*Co-Directors of Civil Defense*

## REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Millis:

The Elm trees were sprayed in April for control of the Elm bark beetle, the carrier of the Dutch Elm disease.

In June the regular general spray for control of the Elm leaf beetle and other leaf eating insects was accomplished.

A scouting of unhealthy Elms disclosed thirty-three trees afflicted with the Dutch Elm disease. These have been removed and burned.

Again may I stress the importance of promptly burning all Elm wood and trimmings lying on the ground.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank the different departments and individuals who in any way assisted me in this work, especially the Highway Department on their very efficient cooperation in disposing of the diseased trees.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. SKARP,

*Moth Superintendent*

## REPORT OF SEWER COMMISSIONERS

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### To the Citizens of Millis:

On April 15, 1953 at 5:00 P.M., bids for Contract No. 5 for the ditching and laying of sewer mains on Plain Street, 300 feet towards Forest Road, and Curve Street, from Legion Hall to Union Street, were opened at the Town Office. They were as follows:

\$12,478.00	Joseph Capone & Son	Roslindale
\$14,347.50	Z and S Construction Co.	Roslindale
\$14,611.00	Consigli Construction Co.	Milford
\$14,975.00	Hyde Park Construction Co.	Boston
\$15,867.00	H. D. Tullis & Son	Hyde Park
\$16,158.80	Quintin Vespa	Newton Center
\$16,370.00	J. Andreassi	Roslindale
\$16,444.00	Barba Construction Co.	West Warwick, R. I.
\$16,485.00	C. Russo Inc.	Roslindale
\$16,584.90	Joseph Butera	Woonsocket, R. I.
\$17,183.00	Frank DeCenzo	Dorchester
\$20,056.50	Susi Dicenzo	Boston

The contract was awarded to Joseph Capone of Roslindale. The work on this contract has been completed, except for the permanent resurfacing of the streets which will be done by the Town.

The sewer beds seem to be able to take care of the increased sewerage load and the system is in good working condition.

All property owners wishing to enter the sewer must have a permit from the Sewer Commissioners and the contractor or person

doing the work must be approved by the Sewer Commissioners. The work must be inspected by the Commissioners and all material used must also be approved by the Board.

Bids for Contract No. 6, repairs to the sedimentation tanks at the sewer beds, were opened on October 1, 1953 at 8:00 P.M. at the Town Office. They were as follows:

\$3,800.00	J. J. Boyle	Dorchester
\$3,985.00	George Gould	Walpole

The town voted \$3,500.00. The Finance Board granted us \$300.00 for the contract and \$200.00 for the engineer's expense, totaling \$4,000.00.

This contract was awarded to J. J. Boyle. The work on this contract has been completed with the exception of grading around the tanks.

Sewerage samples were taken and sent to the Department of Public Health as required. Tests were favorable.

We regret Mr. Lloyd C. King's decision of not being a candidate for re-election in 1953. His many years of faithful and untiring service to this Board will be greatly missed.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE SARRIS

GEORGE DeANGELIS

JOHN E. SKARP

*Sewer Commissioners*



## REPORT OF PARK DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of Millis:

We hereby submit our annual report of the Park Department. Due to the increased traffic on the road, the Board decided to tar one-half of it this year. A five-ton roller was used in the Park for two days. We believe this rolling made a big improvement. Because the football field was in poor condition, fertilizer and grass seed were used for replenishing it. We feel that the appropriation for last year was wisely spent.

This coming year the Board is asking for \$800.00 to be used in beginning construction on a new tennis court. We believe that in two years the town should have a new court. Also, we are asking for a complete new drinking water system because the old one is beyond repair.

Due to the location of the new school, it will be very difficult to keep the football field and park in general in as good condition as the past years. We suggest the possible use of fence of some kind.

In the past horseback riding and golf playing have occurred at the Park. These two have caused about \$100.00 in damage to the Park grounds. Therefore we feel that the following rules and regulations should be set up:

- 1—Horseback riding allowed only on the road—not on the grass.
- 2—No playing of golf.
- 3—No motor vehicles allowed inside the Park and a speed limit of 10 miles per hour enforced.
- 4—No hunting or carrying of firearms.

5—Any violation to be punished by the law.

In closing we wish to thank the Selectmen for their co-operation the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT J. COLLINS

ARTHUR SMITH

GEORGE DUHAMEL

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**REPORT OF  
THE AGENT FOR THE BOARD OF HEALTH**

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and Citizens of Millis:

Two complaints of sewerage conditions were investigated and both were taken care of by the persons concerned so that no further action was necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GATELY,

*Agent for Board of Health*

## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO REMODEL THE TOWN OFFICE BUILDING

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At the Town Meeting on February 16, 1953, the Town appropriated \$10,000.00 to be used in addition to the \$6,500.00 Post-War Fund designated by the Town in 1952 to remodel, renovate and repair the Town Office Building in accordance with Architect Phillips' original plan.

The bids were as follows:

Charles Rawson, Walpole, Mass.	\$20,700.00
L. M. Witherell & Sons, Taunton, Mass.	\$21,551.00
Pelletier Construction Co., Woonsocket, R. I.	\$14,343.00

By vote of your Committee, the contract was let to Pelletier Construction Co. at \$14,343.00.

Work was started shortly thereafter and completed early in November. The Town Office Building now has, in the opinion of the Committee, a suitable place for the Selectmen, Welfare Officer and suitable quarters for the Library. In addition, there are two other rooms which either are now being used or will be used for meeting rooms or other Town Departments.

The Committee hopes that the Town will approve of the job as completed.

HORACE V. BALKAM

MICHAEL E. COLLINS

MORRIS MUSHNICK

HAROLD SIMPSON

STEPHEN PAINE, *Chairman*

## REPORT OF THE MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

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The committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the parade and the services at the cemetery as successful as they were.

We were fortunate to have with us as guest speaker, His Excellency Christian A. Herter, Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to deliver the Memorial Day address.

We would like to thank Mr. Rudolph F. King and his cemetery workers for all the help they gave us.

Appropriation	\$500.00
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Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. SMITH,  
*Committee Chairman*

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## REPORT OF THE WORLD WAR II SERVICE BOARD COMMITTEE

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The service board was painted in order to keep up its appearance. The fence in front of the board was repaired and painted. New flags were purchased.

Due to the dry weather conditions this summer the flowers and shrubs were watered quite frequently.

Appropriation	\$100.00
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Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS F. SMITH,  
*Committee Chairman*



**REPORT OF THE MILK INSPECTOR**

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January 3, 1954

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Millis:

I herewith submit my report as Milk Inspector for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Samples of milk sold in local markets and distributed by dealers were examined and found to conform with minimum standards of the Massachusetts Board of Health.

The following permits were issued and the money for the same turned over to the Town Treasurer:

5 Oleomargarine at \$.50	\$2.50
15 Milk Dealers at \$.50	7.50
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	\$10.00

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP J. GAVIN, JR.

*Milk Inspector*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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At a special meeting on February 10 1953, the Board organized with Mr. Horace Balkam, Chairman and Mr. Michael Collins, Clerk.

Regular meetings were held the first and third Thursdays of each month, plus 30 special meetings.

### Streets and Highways

During the year 1953 all roads where necessary, were oiled and covered with a sand or stone surface and proper drainage installed. We have found that a stone surface is not as slippery as a sand covering, but it is more expensive.

An oil surface with sand covering and drainage was put on Grove Street.

Van Kleeck Road was graveled and tarred and finished to Daniel Street.

Island Road was graveled and tarred to town dump.

A mixed in place surface was applied to a section of Pleasant Street and Norfolk Road.

A sidewalk was built on a section of Main Street.

Cement guard posts were set at Rockville Corner to remove a hazard that has existed there for many years.

Catch basins were installed on Orchard, Ridge and Van Kleeck Road to improve drainage.

Brush was cut on all highways.

About \$500.00 was spent from Highway appropriation for picking up brush after the ice storm in January, 1953.

There is a serious drainage condition on Ridge and Orchard Streets caused by the erection of new homes which prevents an outlet for drainage on these streets.

A section of Bridge Street was excavated and suggest that the sum of \$1,000.00 be appropriated to be used in conjunction with Chapter 81 funds.

An addition was put on the Town Shed to make working conditions in the severe winter weather more pleasant and convenient for the help.

### **Licenses and Permits Issued**

- 92 Wiring
- 1 Funeral
- 1 Auctioneer
- 2 Antique and Second Hand
- 2 Retail Package Goods
- 1 Bottling
- 14 Outing
- 1 Slaughter
- 1 Tavern
- 1 Common Victualer—All Alcoholic
- 11 Common Victualer
- 2 Junk
- 9 Sunday
- 3 Inn Holders
- 2 Poultry Slaughter
- 1 Taxi
- 1 Bakery
- 1 Bowling
- 1 Vegetable Stand
- 2 Second Hand Auto Licenses

We wish to take this opportunity to thank all the various Departments, Mr. Lawrence J. Reardon, Town Accountant, and all Citizens of Millis for the excellent cooperation and efforts given us this past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE V. BALKAM

MICHAEL E. COLLINS

MORRIS MUSHNICK

*Board of Selectmen*

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### ASSESSORS' REPORT FOR 1953

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Valuation of real estate	\$3,375,235.00
Valuation of personal estate	377,540.00
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Total valuation	\$3,752,775.00

### TOTAL TAXES

State parks and reservations	\$303.85
State audit of municipal accounts	469.30
Smoke inspection service	48.62
County tax	6,278.68
County hospital	4,471.38
Overlay 1953	12,179.78
Town grant	348,129.34
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Total taxes for 1953	\$371,880.95



## ANNUAL REPORT

Free cash from treasury	\$40,000.00
Estimated receipts	118,899.31
Available funds	23,646.89
Taxes from real estate	168,761.75
Taxes from personal estate	18,877.00
Poll taxes	1,696.00
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Total receipts	\$371,880.95
Rate per thousand for 1953	\$50.00

## WARRANTS TO COLLECTOR

Real and personal estate	\$187,635.75
Poll taxes	1,696.00
December taxes	320.00
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Total warrants	\$189,654.75

## ABATEMENTS

Real estate 1949 levy	\$1.00
Real estate 1950 levy	17.00
Real estate 1951 levy	21.25
Real estate 1952 levy	6.25
Real estate 1953 levy	20.00
Polls (6) 1951 levy	12.00
Polls (15) 1952 levy	30.00
Polls (52) 1953 levy	104.00
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Total abatements	\$211.50

## EXEMPTIONS

Real estate 1953 levy	\$8,469.75
Polls (122) 1953 levy	244.00
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Total exemptions	\$8,713.75

## MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE

Number of Vehicles	1,537
Total Valuation	\$688,940.00
Warrants to Collector:	
1952 Levy	2,243.09
1953 Levy	26,839.12
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Total Warrants to Collector	\$29,082.12

## Abatements:

1948 Levy	\$42.71
1949 Levy	27.76
1950 Levy	88.07
1951 Levy	111.90
1952 Levy	592.40
1953 Levy	805.94
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Total Abatements	\$1,668.78

GEORGE Y. ROBINSON

MILLARD B. LaCROIX

GEORGE D. CASSIDY

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REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of the Town of Millis:

I herewith submit my report of the Police Department for the  
year ending December 31, 1953.

<i>Arrests and Prosecutions</i>	<i>Male</i>	<i>Female</i>
Drunkenness	2	
Larceny	1	
Assault and Battery	2	
Non-support	2	
Profanity	1	
Disturbing the Peace	1	
Destruction of Property	1	
Violation of Town By-Law	1	
Arson	1	
Committed to Foxboro State Hospital	1	
U. S. Army Deserter	1	
Motor Vehicles—Endangering		1
Processes served	47	

### JUVENILE

Truancy	1
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### MOTOR VEHICLE

Violations reported to Registry for action	46
Accidents investigated property damage only	16
Accidents investigated personal injury	4
Pedestrian Accident	1
Fatalities	0

Three members of the Department and Chief Gately attended a six-week course evenings conducted by the Walpole Police Department. All instruction was given by F.B.I. agents. The course consisted of instruction in self-defense, handling and interrogation of prisoners, searchers of persons and places, mechanics of arrest, etc.

I wish to thank the Selectmen, several Town Departments, and the Registry of Motor Vehicles for their cooperation during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. GATELY,

*Chief of Police*

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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To the Citizens of Millis:

The Board of Public Welfare submits herewith its annual report for the fiscal year 1953.

### GENERAL RELIEF

The case load for 1953 consisted of all unemployable cases.

#### Status of Cases

Aged and physically incapacitated	8
Spouse receiving Old Age Assistance	
recipient not eligible	2
Closed by removal—self-supporting	1
Active cases December 31, 1953	10

#### Financial Summary

Appropriation	\$5,300.00
Transfer from Reserve Fund	1,000.00
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Total available	6,300.00
Expenditure	6,230.96
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Balance unexpended	\$69.04

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Assistance under this category was granted to six cases during the year. Assistance was granted in accordance with the State Standards of Assistance.



Cases active January 1, 1953	6
Cases closed during the year	1
Cases active December 31, 1953	5

#### Status of Cases

Widows	3
Remarriage of parent (children only considered)	1
Separated (supplementing check from court)	2

#### Financial Summary

Appropriation	\$7,000.00
Reimbursement—Federal Grants	4,182.23
Total available	\$11,182.23
Expenditure	8,506.06
Balance unexpended	\$2,676.17

#### Allocation of Costs

Payments to recipients for the year 1953	\$8,506.06
Reimbursements:	
Federal Grants	\$4,182.23
State Share	2,886.51
	\$7,068.74
Millis Share	\$1,437.32

#### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Under the Old Age Assistance category seventy-one cases were aided during the year. Six cases were closed by death and transfer.

Cases active January 1, 1953	59
Cases added during the year	12
Cases closed during the year	6
Cases active December 31, 1953	65

**Financial Summary**

Appropriation	\$39,000.00
Reimbursement—Federal Grants	24,218.35
Total available	\$63,218.35
Expenditure	60,529.36
Balance unexpended	\$2,688.99

**Allocation of Costs**

Payments to Recipients	\$60,529.36
Reimbursements:	
Federal Grants	\$24,218.35
State Share	26,025.50
Other Towns	1,975.64
Refunds	120.41
	52,339.90
Millis Share	\$8,189.46
Amounts receivable and outstanding	18.40

**DISABILITY ASSISTANCE**

Under the Disability Assistance law two cases were aided during the year 1953.

Cases active January 1, 1953	2
Cases active December 31, 1953	2

**Financial Summary**

Appropriation	\$2,000.00
Reimbursement—Federal Grant	940.65
Total available	\$2,940.65
Expenditure—Paid recipients	1,957.26
Balance unexpended	\$983.39

**Allocation of Costs**

Expenditure—Payments to Recipients		\$1,957.26
Federal Grants	\$940.65	
State Share	660.57	\$1,601.22
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Millis Share		\$356.04

**ADMINISTRATION**

Appropriation		\$2,100.00
Board of Public Welfare Salaries		250.00
Reimbursements—Federal Grants		1,902.50
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		\$4,252.50

Expenditures:		
Board salaries	\$250.00	
Agent's salary	3,600.00	
Social Service Index	10.00	
Supplies and postage	52.47	
Telephone	41.57	
Registering lien	.46	
Moving expense	5.00	
Office furniture	263.95	\$4,223.75
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Balance unexpended		\$29.05

**Allocation of Costs**

Expenditure		\$4,223.75
Reimbursements:		
Federal Grants	\$1,902.80	
State Share	29.74	1,932.54
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Millis Share		\$2,291.21

Due to the heavy hospitalization and medical bills covering our general relief cases it was necessary to request transfer of \$1,000.00 from the reserve fund.

In the other categories of assistance we are able to report substantial balances unexpended.

We wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Town Accountant, and Chief Gately for all courtesies extended to us during the year.

We also wish to thank the Visiting Nurse Association for their co-operation given us through their nurses Miss Myrtle Coldwell and her assistant Mrs. Chloe Hart for the splendid nursing care to our recipients at a minimum of cost.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS J. CLANCY

MERLE A. BROWNE

ADAM CONSOLETTI

*Board of Public Welfare*

HARRY E. KING

*Clerk of the Board*

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## REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF MILLIS PUBLIC LIBRARY

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### RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$800.00	
Dog Tax refunded	304.97	
Fines	24.51	
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## ANNUAL REPORT

## EXPENDITURES

Librarians' salaries	\$444.00	
Books and magazines	507.46	
Postage, box rent	4.53	
Supplies	18.32	
Maintenance, repairs	130.66	
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Fine money turned over to Town Treasurer		24.51

FLORENCE L. GILBOY

PRISCILLA D. PAINE

BERTHA L. SHEPARDSON

*Trustees*


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**REPORT OF  
LIBRARIAN TO THE TRUSTEES FOR 1953**

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Books and magazines circulated during eight months	2845
(Remodeling of building prevented circulation of Library books during four months.)	
Adult fiction	613
Adult non-fiction	351
Juvenile fiction	1057
Juvenile non-fiction	414
Magazines	410
Books borrowed from Division of Public Libraries and elsewhere	27
Largest daily circulation	59

Average daily circulation	33
Adult borrowers	518
Juvenile borrowers	295

(The Library was closed from June 18 until December 1.)

SIBBEL PURDY,

*Librarian*

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## REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF VETERANS' SERVICES

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December 31, 1953

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
and the Citizens of Millis:

I herewith submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1953.

Since the Field Truce between the United Nations' Command and the Supreme Command of the Korean Peoples' Army, which took place on July 27, 1953, I have had many inquiries from persons entering the Armed Forces and from dependents of those serving therein regarding the benefits to which they are entitled. I would like to take this opportunity to notify those concerned that until there has been an actual cessation of hostilities declared by the government of the United States, all benefits, State and Federal, granted to those who have served any time after the beginning of the Korean Conflict, are still in effect.

Inquiries by veterans and their dependents, and dependents of servicemen seeking advice assistance, and information relative

to their many problems and the various benefits available to them are as follows:

Hospitalization	28
Out-Patient Treatment	27
Education	6
On-Job Training	18
Insurance	31
Pensions and Compensation	31
Financial Assistance	22
Induction	8
Home Loans	27
Tax Exemptions	35
Korean Bonuses	34
Photostats	9
Notarizing Papers	9
Miscellaneous	48

#### FINANCIAL REPORT

##### *Veterans' Benefits*

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Expenditures:		
Ordinary Benefits	\$40.00	
Fuel	57.00	
Medical	314.00	
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Total		411.00
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Unexpended Balance		\$2,089.00
Receipts:		
Received from State	\$53.25	
Receivable from State	56.50	
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Total		\$109.75
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Cost to Town		\$301.25
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		\$2,500.00

*Administration*

Appropriation		\$1,250.00
Expenditures:		
Salary of Agent	\$819.35	
General Expenses	418.65	
Association Dues	12.00	
	—————	\$1,250.00

I wish to thank the Selectmen, Mr. Walter Hoar, Assistant Service Officer of the American Legion, the local doctors, the visiting nurse, and all others who assisted me during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP J. GAVIN, JR.

*Director of Veterans' Services*

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## REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Millis:

The Ice Storm of January 1953 took a tremendous toll of our trees and still continues to show the effects. Many of the limbs that were cracked are drying up and falling off, this will be cleared up in a matter of time.

I wish to inform you that it is unlawful to nail signs and fencing to trees or to disfigure them in any way. I wish that such practice would cease.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR SMITH,

*Tree Warden*



## JURY LIST—1953-1954

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Barrett, Royden Y., Jr.....	Paper Worker
Brown, Bernard.....	Farmer
Browne, Merle A.....	Retired
Clark, Nesbit, Sr.....	Farmer
Cushman, Kenneth.....	Telephone Worker
Dawe, Gerald H.....	Shoe Worker
Dewey, Talbot.....	Travel Agent
Ellington, John .....	Merchant
Hamm, Frank .....	Carpenter
Lipsett, Harold .....	Auto Mechanic
Mallette, William.....	Insurance Supervisor
Michelson, Edward.....	Retired
Murphy, Daniel.....	Insurance Agent
O'Leary, Curtis F.....	Machinist
Olson, George E.....	Shipping Clerk
Porter, Francis H.....	Mill Worker
Porter, William .....	Adjuster
Purdy, Charles V. S.....	Purchasing Agent
Rice, Woodworth J.....	Retired
Rock, Cephas L.....	Retired
Rosen, Manuel H.....	Appliance Merchant
Saville, Spaulding S.....	Shoe Worker
Simmons, Joseph M.....	Salesman
Simpson, Leslie.....	Mason
Walters, Karl.....	Farmer

## REPORT OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

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In accordance with Article 7 Special Town Meeting, June 9, 1953 the following citizens were appointed by the Moderator to serve as an Elementary School Building Committee with authority to enter into all contracts and agreements necessary to construct, equip and furnish said building:

William R. Porter  
Gertrude Kenney  
Frederick J. Welch  
Harold V. Voyer

Charles F. Mandell  
Robert M. Morse  
Joseph Winiker

The Committee met and organized with William R. Porter as Chairman; Harold V. Voyer, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Gertrude Kenney, Secretary and Robert M. Morse as Treasurer. It was decided to meet every Tuesday at the present school site. On June 19, 1953 a contract was signed with Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc. for \$ of the general contract and Mr. Harriman was instructed to commence immediately on the final plans. Many changes and adjustments were made as plans progressed after discussion meetings with Town Officials, School Staff, and State Authorities.

A meeting was held with the Emergency Finance Board on August 3, 1953 and a request was made to authorize the Town of Millis to borrow monies in excess of its normal debt limit. This request was granted in writing on August 6, 1953.

The final plan conference was held Sept. 15, 1953, at the office of the School Building Assistance Commission at which time the completed plans were approved by that body.

Invitations for bids on the general contract were prepared and advertised. On Oct. 17, 1953 the following bids were opened and publicly read:

Pelletier Construction Co.	\$296,270.00
Wexler Construction Co.	298,600.00
A. J. Martini, Inc.	304,950.00
Sewell - Smith Construction	307,700.00
Conti & Donahue Construction	308,234.00
Morrill Construction	315,493.00
Steed - Barber Construction	317,737.00
Louis Proia Construction	319,957.00
M. Slotnick Corp.	323,990.00
Polay - Abrams Corp.	332,700.00
Tocci Bros. Construction	338,000.00
Mozzicato Construction	351,400.00

A contract was drawn up by the Architect, verified by Atty. Frank McCarthy of Medfield and subsequently signed by all parties with Pelletier Construction Co. of Woonsocket, R. I. on October 17, 1953. A project number 420 was then assigned to the Town of Millis by the School Building Assistance Commission. The Committee then proceeded with the investigation and selection of furnishings and equipment preparatory to purchasing same.

In November 1953 the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer advised the Committee that the law firm Storey, Thorndike, Palmer and Dodge acting for the Second National Bank of Boston refused to approve the proposed bond issue until the question of Town authority to use certain Park land for school purposes was clarified. The Committee after a preliminary investigation of its own decided to engage Attorney Waldo Noyes of Boston to investigate this situation. It was found that, due to the contradictory Town records of the year 1922, and, although an Act was passed in 1952 by the State Legislature authorizing the Town to use specified lands for school purposes, no article was presented for Town approval thereby invalidating the Act, it would now be necessary to re-submit a new bill for Legislative action. This new bill was prepared by Mr. Noyes for enactment by the 1954 General Court and entered by Representative Wm. A. Nourse of Medfield. Said bill to become effective upon its passage by that body.

Due to this unfortunate situation the Committee decided that all parties should be notified and apprised of developments. On Nov. 18, 1953 a meeting was held with the Architect and General Contractor. After all facts were presented the Contractor, Mr. Pelletier, agreed to continue the construction uninterrupted with the definite understanding that no payments could be made until early 1954.

The Committee then considered plans and specifications for Sewer and Water which were drawn up and advertised. The following bids were received, opened and publicly read on Dec. 1, 1953:

	<i>Sewer</i>	<i>Water</i>
Dingley Construction Co.	\$4,475.00	\$ 995.00
C. E. Simpson & Son	4,863.00	1,074.60
Percy G. Lloy	4.20/unit	1.40/ft.

Inasmuch as the bid from Percy G. Lloy was not in accordance with specification form, the Committee on advice of Atty. Waldo Noyes rejected this bid and awarded the contract to the low bidder, Dingley Construction Co. of Natick on December 22, 1953.

### FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Cash available by appropriation	\$20,000.00
Expended:	
7, 10/53—25% Architect fee (less \$300.00 credit)	\$ 5,550.00
8/7/53—File cabinet	55.95
10 19/53—2nd Installment Architect Fee	11,926.20
10/27/53—Advertising Bids (General Contract)	67.50
11/30/53—Advertising Bids (Sewer and Water Contract)	50.63
Total Expended	<u>\$17,750.28</u>



## ANNUAL REPORT

Balance

2,349.72

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\$20,000.00 \$20,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. PORTER, *Chairman*

GERTRUDE KENNEY

FREDERICK J. WELCH

HAROLD V. VOYE

CHARLES F. MANDELL

ROBERT M. MORSE

JOSEPH WINIKER

## REPORT OF THE SWIMMING POOL COMMITTEE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and  
Citizens of Millis:

At the first meeting held by the Swimming Pool Committee, Harold Curran was elected chairman.

The committee investigated several possible locations for a swimming pool in the Town of Millis among them was Richardson's pond. At this location it would require a closed in pool and would prove too expensive in the opinion of the committee. Another location under consideration is a piece of property now owned by Mr. Ralph Cote on the corner of Middlesex and Ridge Streets. Mr. Cote has offered this property to the town at the cost of transferring the deed.

The matter of having a swimming pool in Millis has been reviewed with several engineers and it is believed this can become a reality without being too much of a financial burden on the townspeople.

One concern The Tower Iron Works in Providence, R. I., has proposed an all metal pool. They have advised that they would make a complete installation or any part the town wished.

It is the recommendation of this committee that it continue for another year and that a sum of \$200.00 be appropriated so the committee may seek professional assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD CURRAN, *Chairman*  
JANE ROBINSON  
GEORGE E. HARRIS  
JACOB J. ZALVAN  
EARL H. MERKLE

## REPORT ON TOWN INSURANCE

To the Citizens of Millis:

In compliance with section 8, article 5 of the Town By-laws I hereby submit my report on the insurance policies in my possession as of December 31, 1953.

<i>Amount</i>	<i>Property Covered</i>	<i>Company</i>	<i>Expiration</i>
\$25,520.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-54
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-54
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-54
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	U. S. Fire	1-1-54
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-55
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-55
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-55
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	U. S. Fire	1-1-55
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-56
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-56
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-56
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	U. S. Fire	1-1-56
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-57
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-57
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-57
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	Springfield Fire	1-1-57
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-58
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Fidelity-Phenix	1-1-58
12,760.00	Fire Schedule	Penn. Fire	1-1-58
25,520.00	Fire Schedule	U. S. Fire	1-1-58
5/10 limits	Comp. General Liability	London Guarantee	1-1-54
A.C.V.	Fire, Theft and Coll. on		
	Police Car, School Busses	Penn. Fire	1-1-54
A.C.V.	Fire, Theft and Coll. on		
	Highway Trucks	Aetna Casualty	1-1-54
5/200 limits	Liability on School Busses	London Guarantee	1-1-54
5/10 limits	Liability on Police Car	London Guarantee	1-1-54
5/10 limits	Liability on Water Truck	Lumbermen's Mutual	1-1-54
	Workmen's Compensation	London Guarantee	1-1-54
\$8,600.00	Fire and Theft on Fire Trucks	Penn. Fire	1-1-54
5/10 limits	Liability on Highway Trucks	Aetna Casualty	1-1-54
5/10 limits	Liability on Tractor	London Guarantee	1-1-54
	School Sports Medical Exp.	American Casualty	1-3-54
\$10,000.00	Steam Boilers, Water Dept.	Hartford Ins. Co.	1-26-54
5/10 limits	Liability on Fire Trucks	Century Indemnity	3-9-54
	Fire Department—Accident	Commercial Casualty	3-10-54
\$1,000.00	Holdup	Century Indemnity	1-1-55
5,000.00	Boilers—High School	London Guarantee	9-15-54
A.C.V.	Fire, Theft and Coll.		
	on Water Truck	Norfolk & Dedham	5-14-54

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD W. LINDAHL,

*Town Treasurer*

## REPORT OF SCHOOL BUILDING INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

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On March 16, 1953 the following were appointed by the Town Moderator in accordance with Article 54 Annual Town Meeting 1953:

William R. Porter

Charles F. Mandell

Gertrude Kenney

Robert M. Morse

Frederick J. Welch

Jospeh Winiker

Harold V. Voyer

The Committee was organized and, after several preliminary conferences, engaged Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc., Auburn, Maine, to draw preliminary plans for a fee not to exceed \$300.00. At this time considerable research was conducted and it was decided to present to the Town plans based on a 12 classroom elementary school with Kindergarten Multi-purpose, and Administrative rooms, to be located in the vicinity of the tennis courts near the present school.

The Architect and the Committee met with Mr. John Marshall of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, Boston, on April 16, 1953, at which time tentative plans were presented and approved. On May 5, 1953, the first cost estimate was prepared and forwarded to Boston as required. On May 16, 1953 the School Building Assistance Commission confirmed in writing its approval of the plans and fixed the estimated cost at \$370,000.00 and estimate of school construction grant of \$146,900.00.

A four page report was prepared and articles drawn up for the Special Town Meeting June 9, 1953, at which time the citizens voted 178 to 1 to construct, originally equip and furnish an Elementary School building on land owned by the Town.



FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation			\$600.00
Expended:			
Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc.—Architect	\$500.00		
Wm. R. Porter—Telephone and Mailing	41.01		
Gertrude Kenney—Telephone and Mailing	5.27		
D. C. Collins—Printing Reports	126.40		
File Index Cards—Folders	4.30		
Total Expended	\$479.98		
Balance	120.02		
	\$600.00	\$600.00	

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. PORTER, *Chairman*  
GERTRUDE KENNEY  
FREDERICK J. WELCH  
HAROLD V. VOYE  
CHARLES F. MANDELL  
ROBERT M. MORSE  
JOSEPH WINIKER

## REPORT OF WATER COMMISSIONERS

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To the Citizens of Millis:

The following is a general summary of some of our regular maintenance work:

Service calls	257
New services installed	28
Services renewed	19
Gate boxes raised to grade	10
Snow removed from hydrants	4
Meters changed	23
Meters repaired	10
Meters read	98
Old hydrants removed	1
New hydrants installed	8

This year we made a change from cement lined pipe to copper tubing. We have not only saved money in materials but have made a great saving in labor as well. Also, we feel that it will give less trouble and should last much longer. We were successful in 17 out of 19 attempts in renewing services by pulling them with a truck winch secured from the Medway and Medfield Water Departments. We feel that as a result of the labor saved that it is necessary to include in our budget this year an allotted amount to purchase one for our truck. This same piece of equipment with a portable boom can be used to set hydrants and valves, unload and load other heavy equipment used in the water works system.

The following is a report of the articles you passed last Town meeting:

Sale of soft coal, 1 bid—James A. Faris	\$ 40.50
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Water Extensions—for construction work only:

1. °Vance Bros., West Roxbury, Mass.	\$2,950.00
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2. C. E. Simpson & Son, Millis, Mass.	3,507.50
3. Dingley Contracting Co., Sudbury, Mass.	3,540.00
4. Joseph Gavigan & Son, Canton, Mass.	3,940.00
5. Percy Lloy & Son, Franklin, Mass.	4,450.00
6. Fantoni & Bitsoli, Natick, Mass.	7,600.00

\*Rejected because of no experience in water work.

Contract awarded to C. E. Simpson & Son of Millis.

### Water Extensions—Pipe Bid:

1. Warren Pipe Foundry of Mass.	1.61 ft. 6" pipe
	2.31 ft. 8" pipe

Valves, fittings, compound, etc. purchased by the Water Dept. All taps and appurtenant work done by the Water Dept. All the extensions are completed and the roads are back to normal.

All connections on lower Main Street on four inch mains were made over to eight inch extensions, thus eliminating any service pipes crossing the road.

We have approximately \$3500 left in this appropriation and we hope you will allow us to use this balance to connect from Woodlawn Drive to Adams Street, and from the center of Conway's Hill on Main Street to the junction of Union and Main Streets. It is vital that this is done since there are developments starting in this area and we cannot allow branch mains without having a good flow on our own mains.

The hydraulic survey has been completed by Coffin & Richardson, Consulting Engineers of Boston and we feel it's a job well done. A general summary including recommendations and conclusions, together with rules and regulations covering sub-divisions will appear in a separate report distributed with the annual town report.

The rules and regulations regarding sub-divisions has already been placed in the hands of the planning board for them to incorporate in their rules and regulations which is compulsory before February 1, 1954 under the new sub-division control law.

With cooperation of Mr. Harold W. Whiting of Millis, our report, including maps of the complete system, has been presented to the New England Insurance Exchange Rating Bureau with a request from the Board of Selectmen to re-survey the town. The last time this was done was in 1936 and we sincerely feel that the town in general should be able to seek a lower classification on fire insurance rates due to the vast amount of improvements that have been made since that time.

Permission was granted to Mr. A. M. Sonnabend of Sonesta Farm, Orchard Street, by the Board of Water Commissioners and the Board of Selectmen to lay a 6" main including all appurtenances to our specifications at his own expense from the corner of Prospect Street and Orchard Street to the corner of Grove and Orchard Streets.

The new well and pumping was officially placed in operation on the 26th of May. It proved to be 100% perfect in sense of the word especially the well yield. The well is 47' 11" deep and never once did it ever fall below 13 ft. of draw down.

#### Water Pumping in 1953

	<i>Gallons</i>	<i>Rainfall</i>
January	6,370,000	6.13
February	6,020,000	3.70
March	7,370,000	9.28
April	8,190,000	6.92
May	8,554,400	2.93
June	16,122,700	1.36
July	14,660,700	4.22
August	10,661,600	3.06
September	10,208,800	2.65
October	8,045,900	4.48
November	7,245,600	5.89
December	7,523,100	4.56
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1952	104,440,000	33.27
Greatest day (Record)		836,700
Greatest week June 22-28 (Record)		4,989,700

## ANNUAL REPORT WATER REGISTRAR

Unpaid balance brought forward January 1, 1953		\$ 5,024.24
Charges First Half	\$ 7,284.52	
Charges Third Quarter	6,418.01	
Charges Fourth Quarter	3,049.06	
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Total Charges for year		16,751.59
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		\$21,776.43
Cash Receipts First Half	\$7,507.05	
Cash Receipts Third Quarter	3,061.47	
Cash Receipts Fourth Quarter	6,026.80	\$16,605.32
Total Abatements for year		94.53
Total Adjustments for year		30.32
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Total Cash and Abatements		\$16,730.17
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Balance December 31, 1953		\$ 5,046.26

LENA M. ALLEN,

*Registrar*

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND D. WOODMANSEE,

PAUL T. CLANCY,

C. LESLIE SIMPSON,

*Water Commissioners*

**REPORT OF THE TOWN ACCOUNTANT**  
**For the Year Ending December 31st, 1953**

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To the Citizens of Millis, Mass.:

The following is a report of the financial transactions of your Town for the year ending December 31st, 1953.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the Town Officers and Citizens for their help and cooperation during the past year.

LAWRENCE J. REARDON,

*Town Accountant*

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RECEIPTS

Poll Tax Previous Years	\$ 18.00
Real Estate Tax Previous Years	4,507.65
Personal Property Tax Previous Years	500.00
Poll Tax 1953	1,320.00
Real Estate Tax 1953	153,859.60
Personal Property Tax 1953	14,332.50
From State Corpn. and Bus. Tax	21,911.60
From State School Returns	36,897.96
From State Income Tax	8,206.55
From State Union Supty.	1,755.23
From State Highway Aid	12,356.33
From State Tuition	307.00
From State Old Age Assistance	21,270.57
From State Aid Dependent Children	7,694.35
From State Disability Assistance	675.20
From State Veterans Benefits	107.25
From State Meal Tax	1,312.31
From State Public Health	30.00

From State Director of Standards	8.00
From State School Cafeteria	1,570.39
From Federal Govt. Old Age Assistance	24,218.35
From Federal Govt. Aid Dependent Children	4,182.23
From Federal Govt. Disability Assistance	969.75
From County Highway Aid	999.99
From County Dog Tax	304.97
School Cafeteria	10,126.52
School Athletics	572.85
Retirement County	2,670.76
Withholding Tax	16,324.36
Tax Titles Redemptions	5,657.92
Licenses	394.00
Permits	126.00
Liquor Licenses	1,200.00
Library Fines	24.51
From Federal Govt. Welfare Administration	1,932.54
Road Machinery Fund	2,076.15
Interest on Deferred Taxes	99.35
Interest on Cemetery Care Funds	454.64
Sewer Loan	4,000.00
Water Loan	16,000.00
Water Rates	16,605.32
Sale of Cemetery Lots	697.00
Perpetual Care Funds	650.00
Burials	205.00
Sewer Assessments	2,171.40
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Previous Years	5,797.41
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1953	17,819.84
Dental Clinic	111.25
Fire Station Insurance Recovery	4,681.35
Sealer of Weights and Measures	35.60
Dog Licenses Collected for County	660.40
Bonds Cashed	3,067.55
Refunds	83.37
Sale of Coal	40.50
Old Age Assistance from Cities and Towns	1,975.64

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Old Age Assistance from Individuals	80.95
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Total Receipts for Year	\$433,661.16
Balance Forward from 1952	172,123.09
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	\$615,784.25

## TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation		\$5,395.00
Payments:		
Tax Collector	\$ 775.00	
Town Accountant	600.00	
Assessors	720.00	
Treasurer	450.00	
Selectmen	300.00	
Slaughter Inspector	480.00	
Fire Commissioners	200.00	
Water Commissioners	200.00	
Sewer Commissioners	100.00	
School Committee	250.00	
Inspector of Animals	150.00	
Election Officers	130.00	
Welfare Board	250.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures	50.00	
Milk Inspector	50.00	
Board of Registrars	45.00	
Town Clerk	175.00	
Wire Inspector	100.00	
Water Registrar	200.00	
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Total Payments	\$5,225.00	
Balance to Revenue	170.00	
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		\$5,395.00



## TREASURER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 174.00	
Bond	134.00	
All Other	42.00	
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Total Payments		\$ 350.00

## TREASURER'S TAX TAKING EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 25.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 10.33	
Balance to Revenue	14.67	
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		\$ 25.00

## TAX COLLECTOR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 750.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 291.96	
Bond	209.25	
Deputy Collectors	117.00	
All Other	2.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 620.21	
Balance to Revenue	129.79	
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		\$ 750.00

## TAX COLLECTOR'S TAX TAKING EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$ 50.00
Payments:	
None—Balance to Revenue	\$ 50.00

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 75.00
Payments:		
Supplies	\$ 9.87	
Legal Fees	50.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 59.87	
Balance to Revenue	15.13	
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		\$ 75.00

## ELECTION EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 400.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 239.80	
Payrolls	61.50	
Food	19.15	
All Other	14.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 334.45	
Balance to Revenue	65.55	
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		\$ 400.00

## ASSESSORS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 850.00
Payments:		
Clerical Payrolls	\$ 540.00	
Printing and Postage	221.55	
Recording Deeds	72.21	
Travel Expenses	15.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 848.76	
Balance to Revenue	1.24	
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		\$ 850.00

## TOWN CLERK'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 350.00
Payments:		
Recording Fees	\$ 74.00	
Bond	7.50	
Clerk's Expenses	142.50	
Printing and Postage	124.56	
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Total Payments	\$ 348.56	
Balance to Revenue	1.44	
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		\$ 350.00

## REGISTRARS' EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 225.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 86.16	
Payrolls	132.50	
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Total Payments	\$ 218.66	
Balance to Revenue	6.34	
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		\$ 225.00

## SEALER'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Payments:		
Equipment	\$ 18.85	
Balance to Revenue	31.15	
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		\$ 50.00

## WATER REGISTRAR'S EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$ 150.00
Payments:		
Bond	\$ 56.25	

Printing and Postage	47.13	
Total Payments	\$ 103.38	
Balance to Revenue	46.62	
		\$ 150.00

## TOWN OFFICE CLERK

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Payments:	
Salary Paid Town Office Clerk	\$1,000.00

## TOWN OFFICE EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$5,000.00
Janitor	100.00
	\$5,100.00

## Payments:

Clerk's salary	\$1,170.79	
Printing and Postage and Advertising	472.41	
Repairs	68.25	
Telephone	127.17	
Fuel	404.97	
Electricity	99.11	
Legal	413.25	
Janitor	100.00	
Moving Safes	125.00	
Typewriter	172.50	
Selectmen's Expenses	480.00	
Town and Finance Committee Reports	1,465.39	
	\$5,098.84	
Balance to Revenue	1.16	
		\$5,100.00



## TOWN OFFICE ALTERATIONS

Appropriation		\$10,000.00
Transferred Post War Funds		6,117.57
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		\$16,117.57
Payments:		
Contractor	\$12,586.40	
Supplies	14.00	
Labor	146.90	
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Total Payments	\$12,733.30	
Balance Reserved Until		
Renovations Completed	3,384.27	
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		\$16,117.57

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$8,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		66.92
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		\$8,066.92
Payments:		
Chief's Salary	\$3,923.28	
Specials Pay	2,924.16	
Telephone	235.25	
Gas	394.08	
Car Upkeep	206.44	
Uniforms	54.49	
Printing and Postage	88.85	
Supplies	240.37	
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Total Payments		\$8,066.92

## POLICE CAR

Appropriation		\$ 650.00
Payments:		
New Police Car	637.00	

Balance to Revenue	13.00	
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		\$ 650.00

## POLICE DEPARTMENT UNPAID BILLS

Appropriation		\$ 277.11
Payments:		
Car Upkeep	\$ 46.24	
Supplies	4.99	
Typewriter	31.32	
Telephone	35.31	
Specials	159.25	
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Total Payments		\$ 277.11

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$7,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	213.24
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	\$7,213.24

Payments:		
Salaries and Wages	\$3,171.50	
Insurance	170.20	
Gas, Oil and Truck Upkeep	523.01	
Supplies	1,708.81	
Fuel	482.24	
Lights	158.02	
Building Repairs	569.99	
Equipment	110.47	
Printing and Postage	130.84	
Telephone	188.16	
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Total Payments		\$7,213.24

## FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$ 750.00
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## Payments:

Hose	\$ 735.00
Balance to Revenue	15.00

750.00

## REPAIRS TO FIRE STATION

Insurance Received from Fire Loss \$4,651.35

## Payments:

Electrical Work	\$ 314.71
Alarm	132.27
Building Repairs	252.34
Painting	55.00
Furnishings	352.00

Total Payments \$1,106.32

Balance Reserved 3,575.03

\$4,681.35

## FIRE TRUCK

Appropriation \$11,500.00

## Payments:

Cost of Truck	\$11,400.00
Balance to Revenue	100.00

\$11,500.00

## MOTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation \$1,300.00

## Payments:

Spraying	\$ 542.14
Labor	186.60
Supplies	36.00

Total Payments \$ 764.74

Balance to Revenue	535.26	
	<hr/>	\$1,300.00

## TREE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$1,073.25	
Truck Hire	727.00	
Equipment	107.15	
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Total Payments	\$1,907.40	
Balance to Revenue	92.60	
	<hr/>	\$2,000.00

## DUTCH ELM DISEASE

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		450.00
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		\$1,950.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$ 993.95	
Spraying	143.00	
Gas	9.55	
Supplies	351.20	
Outside Labor Cutting Trees	452.30	
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Total Payments		\$1,950.00

## CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		56.24
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		\$ 356.24
Payments:		
Telephone	\$ 77.93	



Supplies	51.74
Radio	201.57
Clerk	25.00

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Total Payments	\$ 356.24
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## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
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## Payments:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 393.55
Printing and Advertising	15.11
Medical	35.90

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Total Payments	\$ 444.56
Balance to Revenue	1,055.44

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\$1,500.00

## NURSE

Appropriation	\$1,808.40
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## Payments:

Paid to Nurse	\$1,808.40
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## COUNTY HOSPITAL

Appropriation	\$4,471.38
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## Payments:

Paid County Hospital Tax	\$3,018.38
Balance to Revenue	1,453.10

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\$4,471.38

## GARBAGE COLLECTION

Appropriation	\$1,500.00
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## Payments:

Collection of Garbage	\$1,450.00
Balance to Revenue	50.00

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\$1,500.00

## FILTER BED REPAIRS

Appropriation		\$3,500.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		500.00
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		\$4,000.00
Payments:		
Contractor	\$3,610.00	
Architect	200.00	
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Total Payments	\$3,810.00	
Balance Reserved to Pay Contractor	190.00	
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		\$4,000.00

## SEWER MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$1,800.00
Payments:		
Labor	\$ 698.86	
Outside Labor	950.16	
Electricity	25.66	
Pump Repairs	22.56	
All Other	102.76	
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Total Payments		\$1,800.00

## SEWER EXTENSION VAN KLEEK ROAD

Balance in Appropriation and Loan		\$8,873.75
Payments:		
Transferred to 1953 Sewer Extensions	\$5,000.00	
Labor	244.40	
Outside Labor	297.10	
Contract	2,179.42	
Sand and Gravel and Repairs to Street	451.54	
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Total Payments	\$8,172.46	
Balance Reserved for Sewer Const.	701.29	
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		\$8,873.75

## SEWER EXTENSIONS 1953

Appropriation	\$ 1,462.97
Transferred from Van Kleeck Road Extension	5,000.00
Transferred from Original Construction	375.31
Transferred from 1952 Construction	2,161.72
Sewer Loan	4,000.00

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 \$13,000.00

## Payments:

Contract	\$9,404.60
Engineers	814.28
Advertising Bids	13.75

Total Payments	\$10,232.63
Balance Reserved for Sewer Construction	2,767.37

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 \$13,000.00

## DENTAL HEALTH

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
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## Payments:

Dentist	\$ 620.00
Supplies	146.06

Total Payments	\$ 766.06
Balance to Revenue	233.94

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 \$1,000.00

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$9,550.00
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## Payments:

Salaries and Wages	\$6,028.34
Supt. Expenses	281.21
Supplies	863.52
Electricity	13.65

Telephone	128.27	
Street Signs	238.07	
Sand, Stone and Gravel	111.28	
Freight and Express	4.75	
Truck Upkeep	766.97	
Patch, Oil and Tar	178.55	
Gas	98.80	
Repairs to Shed	803.22	
Outside Labor	32.97	
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Total Payments	\$9,549.60	
Balance to Revenue	.40	
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		\$9,550.00

## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		\$5,500.00
Payments:		
Salaries and Wages	\$2,025.73	
Hired Trucks	582.02	
Equipment and Repairs	681.07	
Sand	122.94	
Gas	47.44	
Salt	875.50	
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Total Payments	\$4,334.70	
Balance to Revenue	1,165.30	
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		\$5,500.00

## HIGHWAY TRUCK

Appropriation		\$6,500.00
Payments:		
Cost of Truck	\$4,500.00	
Balance to Revenue	2,000.00	
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		\$6,500.00

## STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		\$4,800.00
Payments:		
Paid for Lights	\$4,738.84	
Balance to Revenue	61.16	
	<hr/>	\$4,800.00

## BRIDGE STREET RELOCATION

Appropriation	\$ 400.00
Payments:	
Engineers Fees	\$ 400.00

## MAIN STREET SIDEWALK

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Payments:	
Salaries and Wages	\$ 674.95
Asphalt and Tar	82.25
Sand and Gravel	186.12
Supplies	16.50
Hired Labor	40.18
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Total Payments	\$1,000.00

## PLEASANT STREET LAND DAMAGES

Appropriation	\$ 199.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund	1,499.52
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	\$1,698.52
Payments:	
Land Damages Paid	\$1,698.52

## HIGHWAY MACHINERY

Transferred from Machinery Fund	\$2,363.40
Payments:	
Gas	\$1,228.78
Truck Repairs	1,121.55



Total Payments	\$2,350.33	
Balance to Revenue	13.07	
		\$2,363.40

## HIGHWAY CHAPTER #81

Appropriation	\$ 6,300.00
Aid from State	11,550.00
	\$17,850.00

## Payments:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 7,327.41
Stone and Sand and Gravel	904.69
Grates and Frames	28.50
Equipment and Supplies	373.50
Pipe	486.04
Tar, Asphalt and Oil	3,979.11
Outside Labor	869.03
Machinery Payrolls	2,842.05
Brick	38.50
Total Payments	\$16,848.83
Balance to Revenue	.58
Balance to State Aid	.59
	\$17,850.00

## HIGHWAY CHAPTER #90

Appropriation	\$1,000.00
Aid from State	1,000.00
Aid from County	1,000.00
	\$3,000.00

## Payments:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 598.35
Machinery Payrolls	640.50

Tar, Oil, and Asphalt	1,257.21	
Scraper	365.46	
Sand and Gravel	138.47	
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Total Payments	\$2,999.99	
Balance to Revenue	.01	
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		\$3,000.00

## WELFARE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$5,300.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		930.96
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		\$6,230.96
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$2,824.00	
Medical	3,306.96	
Funerals	100.00	
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Total Payments		\$6,230.96

## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		\$39,000.00
Received from Federal Government		\$24,473.19
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		\$63,473.19
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$49,496.66	
Medical	10,108.14	
Other Cities and Towns	924.56	
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Total Payments	\$60,529.36	
Balance to Revenue Town Grant	2,943.83	
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		\$63,473.19

## AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Appropriation		\$7,000.00
Received from Federal Government		4,182.23
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		\$11,182.23
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$7,548.75	
Medical	957.31	
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Total Payments	8,506.06	
Balance to Revenue Town Grant	2,676.17	
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		\$11,182.23

## DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Appropriation		\$2,000.00
Received from Federal Government		969.75
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		\$2,969.75
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$1,301.30	
Medical	655.96	
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Total Payments	\$1,957.26	
Balance to Revenue Town Grant	1,012.49	
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		\$2,969.75

## WELFARE AGENTS' SALARY AND EXPENSES

Appropriation		\$2,100.00
Received from Government for Reimbursements		1,932.54
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		\$4,032.54
Payments:		
Agent's Salary	\$3,599.96	

Office Expenses	373.75	
Total Payments	<u>\$3,973.71</u>	
Balance to Revenue Town Grant	58.83	
		<u>\$4,032.54</u>

## VETERANS' AID

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Payments:		
Cash Aid	\$ 88.00	
Medical	314.00	
Total Payments	<u>\$ 402.00</u>	
Balance to Revenue	2,098.00	
		<u>\$2,500.00</u>

## VETERANS' ADMINISTRATION

Appropriation		\$1,250.00
Payments:		
Salary	\$ 837.20	
Expenses	412.80	
Total Payments	<u>\$1,250.00</u>	

## SCHOOLS

Appropriation		\$119,634.31
Payments:		
Supt. and Principals Expenses	\$ 612.08	
Supt. Salary	3,050.08	
Clerk's Salary	1,040.00	
Printing and Postage	333.08	
Telephone	406.44	
Teachers' Salaries	83,018.78	
Salary of Teacher on Leave	2,718.68	
Text and Reference Books	3,435.62	

Supplies	4,364.52	
Lumber	191.19	
Upkeep of Busses	646.09	
Gas	535.12	
Janitors' Salaries	6,128.00	
Electricity	1,920.80	
Fuel	2,983.95	
Building Repairs	2,485.84	
Janitor's Supplies	2,229.71	
Athletics	2,034.36	
Physician	300.00	
Nurse	916.00	
Freight and Express	9.11	
Labor	189.00	
All Other	51.48	
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Total Payments	\$119,599.93	
Balance to Revenue	34.38	
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		\$119,634.31

## PAINTING SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation		\$2,300.00
Payments:		
Cost of Painting	\$1,150.00	
Balance to Revenue	1,150.00	
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		\$2,300.00

## VOCATIONAL TUITION

Appropriation		\$1,500.00
Payments:		
Tuition Paid	\$1,265.76	
Transportation	234.24	
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Total Payments		\$1,500.00



## PRACTICAL ARTS

Appropriation	\$ 350.00
Payments:	
Payrolls	\$ 350.00

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PLANNING

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
Payments:	
Architect	\$ 300.00
Printing	126.40
Expenses of Committee Members	49.28
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Total Payments	\$ 475.68
Balance to Revenue	124.32
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	\$ 600.00

## NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation	\$20,000.00
Payments:	
Architect	\$17,476.20
Advertising	118.13
File Cabinet and Files	60.25
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Total Payments	\$17,654.58
Balance Reserved	2,345.42
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	\$20,000.00

## SMITH HUGHES BARDEN FUND

Fund January 1st, 1953	\$ 177.00
Payments:	
Payrolls	\$ 20.00
Balance in Fund December 31st 1953	157.00
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	\$ 177.00

## SCHOOL CAFETERIA

Income for Year 1953	\$11,697.11
Income from 1952	322.34
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	\$12,019.45
Payments:	
Payrolls	\$ 2,048.00
Food	2,634.14
Ice Cream	1,346.09
Milk	3,386.62
Meat	1,001.38
Supplies	316.57
Freight and Express	33.81
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Total Payments	\$10,766.61
Balance in Cafeteria Fund	1,252.84
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	\$12,019.45

## SCHOOL ATHLETICS

Income for 1953	\$ 572.85
Income from 1952	434.68
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	\$1,007.53
Payments:	
Payrolls of Referees	\$ 437.00
Bus Drivers	44.00
Athletic Supplies	260.20
Association Dues	3.00
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Total Payments	\$ 744.20
Balance in Athletic Fund	263.33
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	\$1,007.53

## PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$ 800.00
Dog Tax from County	304.97

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 \$1.104.97

## Payments:

Librarian's Salary	\$ 481.50
Janitor	50.00
Books and Periodicals	499.46
Binding	29.98
Janitor's Supplies	3.18
Curtains	6.00
Printing and Postage	32.40
All Other	2.45

Total Payments	\$1.104.97
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## PARK DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$1.500.00
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## Payments:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 760.00
Truck Hire	98.75
Supplies	142.49
Repairs	136.90
Road Repairs	345.00

Total Payments	\$1,483.14
Balance to Revenue	16.86

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 \$1.500.00

## MEMORIAL PARK

Appropriation	\$ 100.00
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## Payments:

Salaries and Wages	\$ 67.10
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Supplies	7.50	
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Total Payments	\$ 74.60	
Balance to Revenue	25.40	
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		\$ 100.00

## SERVICE BOARD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		\$ 100.00
Payments:		
Supplies	\$ 8.37	
Flowers	34.00	
Labor	48.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 90.37	
Balance to Revenue	9.63	
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		\$ 100.00

## PLANNING BOARD

Appropriation		\$ 250.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 70.19	
Rent	15.00	
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Total Payments	\$ 85.19	
Balance to Revenue	164.81	
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		\$ 250.00

## AMERICAN LEGION POST #208

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
Payments:	
Paid American Legion Post #208	\$ 600.00

## RECREATIONAL PROGRAMME

Appropriation	\$ 600.00
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## Payments:

Payrolls

\$ 394.60

Supplies

22.86

Total Payments

\$ 417.46

Balance to Revenue

152.54

\$ 600.00

## MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation

\$ 500.00

Payments:

Printing

\$ 35.00

Music

350.00

Refreshments

45.25

Flags

41.25

Flowers

25.50

Total Payments

\$ 500.00

## COUNTY PENSIONS

Appropriation

\$2,250.12

Payments:

Paid County on Pension Assmt.

\$2,250.12

## TOWN CLOCK MAINTENANCE

Appropriation

\$ 100.00

Payments:

Repairs to Clock

\$ 42.00

Balance to Revenue

58.00

\$ 100.00

## INSURANCE

Appropriation

\$6,000.00

Payments:

Paid for Insurance

\$5,105.52



Balance to Revenue	894.48	
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## RESUSCITATOR

Appropriation		\$ 600.00
Payments:		
Cost of Resuscitator	\$ 587.07	
Balance to Revenue	12.93	
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## SKATING AREA

Appropriation		\$ 300.00
Payments:		
Cost of Excavating		\$ 300.00

## RESERVE FUND

Appropriation		\$4,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		4,000.00
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		\$8,000.00

Transfers from Fund:		
Land Damages Pleasant Street	\$1,499.52	
Fire Department	66.92	
Dutch Elm Disease	450.00	
Civil Defense	56.24	
Filter Beds	500.00	
Cemetery	90.93	
Welfare	930.96	

	\$3,807.81	
½ Balance to Overlay Surplus	2,096.09	
½ Balance Revenue	2,096.10	
	<hr/>	\$8,000.00

## WATER DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$14,000.00
Payments:		
Printing and Postage	\$ 65.76	
Telephone	202.13	
Labor	146.78	
Truck Upkeep	320.03	
Pipe and Fittings	1,887.19	
Freight and Express	33.35	
Engineer's Salary	3,380.00	
Fuel Light and Power	2,675.00	
Repairs to Station	369.05	
Supplies	591.99	
Outside Labor	2,827.65	
Equipment	754.24	
Meters	12.50	
Stand Pipe Upkeep	124.00	
Sand and Gravel	31.89	
Total Payments	\$13,421.56	
Balance to Revenue	578.44	

\$14,000.00

## RECONDITIONING ELECTRIC PUMP

Balance in Appropriation		\$ 967.06
Payments:		
Labor	\$ 497.31	
Architect	150.00	
Total Payments	\$ 647.31	
Balance to Revenue	319.75	
		\$ 967.06

## NEW WELLS

Balance in Account	\$12,497.45
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## Payments:

Pump House	\$ 1,354.01
Engineer	400.00
Contract	8,394.25
Electricity	179.00
Road to Pump House	1,075.40

Total Payments	\$11,402.66
Balance Reserved	1,094.79

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\$12,497.45

## WATER HYDRAULIC SURVEY

Appropriation	\$2,100.00
Payments:	
Paid Engineer	\$2,100.00

## WATER EXTENSIONS

Appropriation	\$ 876.00
Borrowed on Serial Notes	16,000.00
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	\$16,876.00

## Payments:

Valves and Pipes	\$ 8,795.66
Printing and Postage	225.16
Supplies	23.70
Contract	3,789.64
Labor	153.50
New Haven Railroad Co.	312.56
Express	2.55

Total Payments	\$13,302.77
Balance Reserved	3,573.23

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\$16,876.00

## CEMETERIES

Appropriation		\$2,500.00
Transferred from Lot Account		1,000.00
Transferred from Reserve Fund		90.93
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		\$3,590.93
Payments:		
Labor	\$3,120.93	
Outside Labor	45.50	
Trees and Shrubs	69.20	
Equipment	166.80	
Truck Hire	188.50	
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Total Payments		\$3,590.93

## DEBT AND INTEREST

Appropriation		\$11,000.00
Payments:		
Notes Paid	\$ 7,000.00	
Interest Paid	3,108.00	
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Total Payments	\$10,108.00	
Balance to Revenue	892.00	
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		\$11,000.00

## TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS

County Tax	\$6,278.03
State Audit	469.30
State Parks	434.30
State Smoke Inspection	48.62
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Total Payments	\$7,230.25

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cemetery General Care Funds	\$ 5,442.77
Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	10,293.61
Library Emerson Fund	254.23
Library Woolvett Fund	2,794.44
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Total of All Funds	\$18,785.05

## OUTSTANDING DEBT

Sewer Loan	\$102,000.00
Sewer	4,000.00
Pumping Station Loan	22,800.00
Water Extensions Loan	16,000.00
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	\$144,800.00



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## BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash	\$134,054.77	Motor Vehicle Excise Tax Revenue	\$ 10,548.04
Cemetery Lots	1,528.20	Tax Title Revenue	2,064.70
100th Anniversary Fund	756.96	Overpayment Tax Title Account	686.06
Poll Tax 1951	4.00	Water Revenue	2,076.33
Real Estate Tax 1951	99.09	Sewer Assessment Revenue	13,373.76
Personal Property Tax 1951	25.00	Highways Accounts Receivable	8,250.66
Poll Tax 1952	40.00	Overlay 1951	128.09
Real Estate Tax 1952	1,095.60	Overlay 1952	2,797.32
Personal Property Tax 1952	480.00	Overlay 1953	3,327.03
Poll Tax 1953	36.00	Overlay Surplus	8,377.29
Real Estate Tax 1953	10,263.92	Stabilization Fund	8,000.00
Personal Property Tax 1953	1,667.25	Fire Station Insurance	3,575.03
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1951	607.60	Overpayment Real Estate Tax	100.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1952	1,212.91	100th Anniversary Fund	756.96
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1953	8,686.06	Smith Hughes Barden Fund	157.00
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax 1950	41.47	Cemetery Perpetual Care Income	576.53
Tax Titles	1,953.60	Cemetery General Care Income	1,037.99
Tax Possessions	106.10	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	450.00
Water Rates	2,044.04	Cemetery Lot & Grave Account	1,044.18
Water Rates Due Town on Shortage	32.29	Road Machinery Fund	1,954.70
Sewer Assessments	13,373.76	Dog Licenses For County	3.60
State Aid to Highways	8,250.65	Withholding Tax	4,088.10
County Aid to Highways	.01	Retirement	328.28
Due Town Overpayment on ABC Payrolls	53.40	Town Office Alterations	3,384.27
State Parks Deficit	130.45	Filter Bed Repairs	190.00
		Sewer Extension 1953	2,767.37
		Sewer Construction 1952	701.29
		Acorn Street Land Damages	533.00
		New School Building	2,345.42
		School Canteen	1,252.84
		School Athletics	263.33

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3,573.23
96,740.94
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\$186,548.13

New Wells Pumping Station  
Water Extensions  
Surplus Revenue

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\$186,548.13



# **Report of An Audit**

**of**

**THE GENERAL ACCOUNTS OF**

## **The Town of Millis**

**For the Period from June 27, 1951 to September 28, 1953**

**and of**

### **THE TAX COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS**

**For the Period from February 26, 1952 to September 28, 1953**

**Made in Accordance with the Provisions of**

**Chapter 44, General Laws**

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**December 21, 1953**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**DEPARTMENT OF CORPORATIONS AND TAXATION**  
**BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS**

**State House, Boston 33**





December 21, 1953

To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Horace V. Balkam, Chairman

Millis, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the general accounts of the town of Millis for the period from June 27, 1951, and of the tax collector's accounts from February 26, 1952, to September 28, 1953, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

HERMAN B. DINE,

*Director of Accounts*

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Mr. Herman B. Dine

Director of Accounts

Department of Corporations and Taxation

State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the general accounts of the town of Millis for the period from June 27, 1951, and of the tax collector's accounts from February 26, 1952, the dates of the previous examinations, to September 28, 1953, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and reconciled with the books and reports in the town accountant's office and with the records of the town treasurer.

The ledger accounts were analyzed for the period covered by the audit, the recorded receipts being checked with the treasurer's books and the payments being compared with the warrants authorizing them and with the treasurer's record of payments. The appropriation accounts were checked with the town clerk's record of town meeting proceedings, and the recorded transfers from the reserve fund were verified by comparison with the records of the finance committee.

The necessary adjusting entries resulting from the audit were made and a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on September 28, 1953.

It is again recommended that whenever a department sends out bills for collection the accountant be notified immediately of the amount so that he may be enabled to enter the charges on his books.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked. The cash book additions were verified. The receipts, as recorded, were analyzed and compared with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the treasury, while the payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the treasurer to disburse town funds and with the town accountant's records.

In reconciling the treasurer's cash balance considerable difficulty was experienced due to the failure of the treasurer to reconcile his bank statements to balance his cash book or to keep an accurate check register since the date of the previous examination.

The adjusted cash balance on September 28, 1952 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by

the bank of deposit and by verification of the cash and cash memoranda in the office.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the several trust and investment funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved and the withdrawals were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts.

It is recommended that the sum of \$8,000 which is in the general treasury and represents the stabilization fund created by town vote at the annual town meeting held February 16, 1953, be invested as permitted by the provisions of Section 5B, Chapter 40, General Laws.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred from the several tax levies to the tax title account were verified by comparison with the collector's records, the redemptions were checked with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the outstanding tax titles were listed and proved with the accountant's records. The transactions were further verified by comparison with the records in the Registry of Deeds.

It is recommended that all tax titles held over two years be foreclosed by the treasurer in accordance with the provisions of Section 50, Chapter 60, General Laws.

The amounts withheld from town employees' salaries for Federal taxes were listed and verified with the controlling account in the town accountant's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise outstanding at the time of the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and proved. The cash book additions were verified, the recorded collections were com-

pared with the treasurer's receipts, the recorded abatements were checked with the assessors' records, the taxes transferred to the tax title account were proved, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts. The cash balance on September 28, 1953 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit and by the actual count of the cash in the office.

It is recommended that the collector make weekly payments to the treasurer of all collections, as required by Section 2, Chapter 60, General Laws, and that prompt action be taken by the collector to bring about a complete settlement of all prior years' taxes which date back to 1949.

Attention is also called to the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 59, General Laws, relative to the collection of interest on overdue taxes.

The records of water accounts receivable were checked in detail. The accounts outstanding according to the previous examination, as well as all subsequent commitments, were examined and proved. The recorded receipts were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the abatements as recorded were checked with the water commissioners' authorizations of abatements, the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger, and the cash balance on September 28, 1953 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the bank of deposit.

Verification of the outstanding tax, excise, and water accounts was obtained by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The town clerk's records of dog and sporting licenses were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were compared with the treasurer's receipts, while the payments to the Division of Fisheries and Game were verified by comparison with the receipts on file.

The records of receipts of the selectmen and the sealer of weights and measures of the public welfare, police, library, and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the treasurer's cash book and with the accountant's records.

The surety bonds furnished by the several town officials required to file such bonds were examined and found to be in proper form.

Appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, are tables showing reconciliations of the treasurer's and the collector's cash summaries of the tax, motor vehicle and trailer excise, tax title, tax possession, departmental, and water accounts, as well as tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust and investment funds.

During the progress of the audit cooperation was extended by the various town officials for which I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

*Assistant Director of Accounts*

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## RECONCILIATION OF TREASURER'S CASH

Balance June 27, 1951,		\$70,994.72
Receipts:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$269,806.92	
1952,	429,662.47	
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Transfers 1952:		
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	\$3,000.00	
Woolvett Library Fund.	5.75	
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		\$773,469.86
Payments:		
Per warrants:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$210,014.37	
1952,	389,804.20	
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Balance December 31, 1952,		173,651.29
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		\$773,469.86
Balance January 1, 1953,		\$173,651.29
Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953:		
Reported,	\$250,269.21	
Withholding tax deductions short reported,	452.33	
Savings bank interest not reported,	83.78	
	<hr/>	250,805.32
Warrant in excess of payments,		1.06
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		\$424,457.67
Payments January 1 to September 28, 1953:		
Per warrants:		
Recorded,	\$340,359.97	
Short recorded,	45.02	
	<hr/>	\$340,404.99
Transfers recorded in error:		
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	\$3,000.00	

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Woolvett Library Fund,	5.75	
		3,005.75
Receipts reported in duplicate,		389.20
Bank charge in excess of amount of check issued,		.01
Balance September 28, 1953,		80,657.72
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		\$424,457.67
Balance September 28, 1953,		\$80,657.72
Cash in bank and office September 28, 1953:		
In banks:		
Natick Trust Company,	\$75,970.03	
Medway Savings Bank,		
Book #10519,	1,611.98	
In office, verified,	2,837.87	
Memoranda—checks returned by bank,	45.67	
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		\$80,465.55
Due from treasurer September 28, 1953:		
Receipts short deposited,	\$187.40	
Cash variation per previous audit and September 28, 1953,	4.77	
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		192.17
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		\$80,657.72

**Natick Trust Company**

Balance September 28, 1953, per statement,		\$92,746.18
Balance September 28, 1953, per compiled check register,	\$75,970.03	
Outstanding checks September 28, 1953, per list,	16,776.15	
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		\$92,746.18

**Special Deposit****One Hundredth Anniversary Fund**

Balance June 27, 1951,	\$756.96	
Accumulated interest June 27, 1951 to September 28, 1953,	41.49	
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		\$798.45

Balance September 28, 1953:

Medway Savings Bank, Book #11168.

\$724.47

### DUE FROM LEONARD W. LINDAHL, TREASURER

#### 1951 Account

Balance June 27, 1951:

Aid to dependent children payroll checks  
issued in excess of warrant,

\$130.35

Reimbursement by treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951, \$69.45  
1952, 7.50

\$76.95

Balance due December 31, 1952 and  
September 28, 1953,

53.40

\$130.35

### CASSA E. DIMON, WATER REGISTRAR DISCREPANCY

Balance June 27, 1951, \$1,416.35

Transfers from water rates accounts receivable:

June 27 to December 31, 1951, \$193.00  
1952, 19.00

212.00

\$1,628.35

Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951, \$1,591.15  
1952, 19.00

\$1,610.15

Overpayment to treasurer June 27 to

December 31, 1951, applied to discrepancy, 8.91

Balance due December 31, 1952, 9.29

\$1,628.35

Balance due January 1, 1953,

\$9.29

Transfers from water accounts receivable  
not previously reported,

23.00

Balance due September 28, 1953,

\$32.29

\$32.29

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS****Withholding Taxes**

Balance June 27, 1951,		\$6,587.40	
Receipts:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$5,685.98		
1952,	13,013.37		
		<u>18,699.35</u>	
			\$25,286.75
Payments to Director of Internal Revenue:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$8,189.71		
1952,	10,496.28		
		<u>\$18,685.99</u>	
Balance December 31, 1952,		6,600.76	
			\$25,286.75
Balance January 1, 1953,		\$6,600.76	
Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953:			
Reported,	\$11,783.93		
Short reported,	452.33		
		<u>12,236.26</u>	
			\$18,837.02
Payments to Director of Internal Revenue			
January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$14,437.42	
Balance September 28, 1953,		4,399.60	
		<u></u>	\$18,837.02

**PAYROLL DEDUCTIONS****County Retirement**

Balance June 27, 1951,		\$169.64	
Receipts:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$1,188.79		
1952,	2,385.04		
		<u>3,573.83</u>	
			\$3,743.47

## Payments to county treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$1,356.43	
1952,	2,083.97	
		\$3,440.40
Balance December 31, 1952,		303.07
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		\$3,743.47
Balance January 1, 1953,		\$303.07
Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953,		1,911.69
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		\$2,214.76
Payments to county treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$2,004.01
Adjustment of accounts,		2.00
Balance September 28, 1953,		208.75
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		\$2,214.76

## RECONCILIATION OF COLLECTOR'S CASH

## Cash balances September 28, 1953, per tables:

Personal property taxes 1952,	\$97.50	
Real estate taxes 1952,	788.54	
Poll taxes 1953,	18.00	
Personal property taxes 1953,	430.00	
Real estate taxes 1953,	27,690.61	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1950,	.10	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1952,	278.65	
Motor vehicle and trailer excise 1953,	2,151.65	
Interest and costs,	23.45	
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		\$31,478.50
Petty cash advance,		35.60
Cash variation,		9.10
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		\$31,522.60
Cash on hand September 28, 1953:		
Norfolk County Trust Company, per check register,		\$18,654.84
In office, verified,		12,867.76
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		\$31,522.60



**Norfolk County Trust Company**

Balance September 28, 1953, per statement,		\$21,342.90
Balance September 28, 1953, per check register,	\$18,654.84	
Outstanding checks September 28, 1953, per list,	2,589.06	
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		\$21,243.90

**POLL TAXES — 1948**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$2.00
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$2.00

**POLL TAXES — 1949**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$8.00
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$2.00
Abatements February 26 to December 31, 1952,	6.00
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	\$8.00

**REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1949**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$1.00
Outstanding December 31, 1952 and September 28, 1953, per list,	\$1.00

**POLL TAXES — 1950**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$2.00
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$2.00

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1950**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$12.00
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	\$12.00
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$12.00
Abatements not previously reported,	\$12.00

**REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1950**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$39.00
Transfers to tax titles February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$34.00
Outstanding December 31, 1952 and September 28, 1953, per list,	5.00
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	\$39.00

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## POLL TAXES — 1951

Recommitment February 26, 1952,		\$54.00
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$22.00	
Abatements February 26 to December 31, 1952,	24.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	8.00	
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		\$54.00
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$8.00	
Abatements reported in excess,	2.00	
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		\$10.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$2.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	8.00	
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		\$10.00

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1951

Recommitment February 26, 1952,		\$135.00
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$15.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	120.00	
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		\$135.00
Outstanding January 1, 1953,		\$120.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 September 28, 1953,	\$80.00	
Abatements not previously reported,	15.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	25.00	
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		\$120.00

## REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1951

Recommitment February 26, 1952,		\$2,200.68
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$1,821.55	
Transfers to tax titles February 26 to December 31, 1952,	52.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	326.63	
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		\$2,200.68
Outstanding January 1, 1953,		\$326.63

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Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$221.29	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	105.34	
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		\$326.63

## POLL TAXES — 1952

Commitment per warrant,		\$1,678.00
Payments to treasurer,	\$1,288.00	
Abatements,	324.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	66.00	
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		\$1,678.00
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$66.00	
Abatements reported in excess,	20.00	
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		\$86.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$16.00	
Abatements not previously reported,	16.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	54.00	
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		\$86.00

## PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1952

Commitment per warrants,		\$13,067.50
Payments to treasurer,	\$12,160.00	
Abatements,	7.50	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	900.00	
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		\$13,067.50
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$900.00	
Refunds January 1 to September 28, 1953,	35.00	
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		\$935.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$322.50	
Abatements not previously reported,	35.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	480.00	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	97.50	
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		\$935.00

**REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1952**

Commitment per warrants,	\$161,807.25	
Additional commitment per warrant,	315.00	
Refunds,	994.40	
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		\$163,116.65
Payments to treasurer,	\$151,096.94	
Abatements,	5,480.00	
Transfers to tax titles,	1,270.25	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	5,269.46	
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		\$163,116.65
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$5,269.46	
Commitment not previously reported,	936.95	
Transfers to tax titles reported in excess,	18.75	
Refunds January 1 to September 28, 1953,	100.00	
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		\$6,325.16
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$3,202.14	
Real estate taxes 1952 credited to surplus revenue,	936.95	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list.	1,397.53	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	788.54	
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		\$6,325.16

**POLL TAXES—1953**

Commitment January 1 to September 28, 1953, per warrant:		
Reported,	\$1,696.00	
Short reported	8.00	
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		\$1,704.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$1,228.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list.	458.00	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	18.00	
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		\$1,704.00

**PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES—1953**

Commitment January 1 to September 28, 1953,

per warrants,	\$18,877.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$9,980.00
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	8,467.00
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	430.00
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	\$18,877.00

**REAL ESTATE TAXES—1953**

Commitment January 1 to September 28, 1953, per warrants:	
Reported,	\$168,761.75
Short reported,	200.00
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	\$168,961.75
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$32,111.25
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	109,159.89
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	27,690.61
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	\$168,961.75

**MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1948**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$42.71
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	\$42.71
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$42.71
Abatements not previously reported,	\$42.71

**MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1949**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$31.89
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$4.13
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	27.76
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	\$31.89
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$27.76
Abatements not previously reported,	\$27.76

**MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1950**

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$198.94
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$63.87



Outstanding December 31, 1952,	135.07	
		\$198.94
Outstanding January 1, 1953,		\$135.07
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$5.53	
Abatements not previously reported,	\$22.07	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	41.37	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	.10	
		\$135.07

#### MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1951

Recommitment February 26, 1952,	\$2,785.84	
Refunds February 26 to December 31, 1952,	18.50	
		\$2,804.34
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$1,429.26	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	1,375.08	
		\$2,804.34
Outstanding January 1, 1953,		\$1,375.08
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$184.84	
Abatements not previously reported,	426.80	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	763.44	
		\$1,375.08

#### MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1952

Commitment per warrants,	\$21,696.42	
Refunds,	459.00	
		\$22,155.42
Payments to treasurer,	\$16,791.56	
Abatements,	573.43	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	4,790.43	
		\$22,155.42
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$4,790.43	
Commitment not previously reported,	2,243.09	
Refunds January 1 to September 28, 1953:		
Refunded,	\$235.05	

To be refunded,	2.01	
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		237.06
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		\$7,270.58
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$4,475.16
Abatements not previously reported,		604.46
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,		1,912.31
Cash balance September 28, 1953,		278.65
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		\$7,270.58

### MOTOR VEHICLE AND TRAILER EXCISE—1953

Commitment January 1 to September 28, 1953, per warrants,	\$14,999.78	
Payments and abatements to be refunded,	321.07	
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		\$15,320.85
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$8,721.44	
Abatements not previously reported,	528.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	3,919.76	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	2,151.65	
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		\$15,320.85

### UNAPPORTIONED SEWER ASSESSMENTS

Commitment per warrant February 26 to December 31, 1952,		\$16,669.25
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$3,476.56	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	13,192.69	
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		\$16,669.25
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$13,192.69	
Commitment January 1 to September 28 1953, per warrant,	3,193.50	
Sewer assessments 1951 reported as unapportioned sewer assessments,	32.20	
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		\$16,418.39

Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$1,053.30	
Commitment reported in excess,	1,101.63	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	14,263.46	
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		\$16,418.39

## SEWER ASSESSMENTS—1951

Recommitment February 26, 1952,		\$203.80
Payments to treasurer February 26 to December 31, 1952,	\$114.60	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	89.20	
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		\$203.80
Outstanding January 1, 1953,		\$89.20
Sewer assessments 1951 reported as unapportioned sewer assessments,	\$32.20	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	57.00	
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		\$89.20

## INTEREST ON TAXES

Collections February 26 to December 31, 1952:

Taxes:

Levy of 1948,	\$ .34
Levy of 1949,	.36
Levy of 1950,	.18
Levy of 1951,	31.52
Levy of 1952,	30.14

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1949,	.80
Levy of 1950,	6.41
Levy of 1951,	7.89

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\$77.64Payments to treasurer February 26 to  
December 31, 1952,

\$77.64

Collections January 1 to September 28, 1953:

Taxes:

Levy of 1951,	\$8.52
Levy of 1952,	40.95
Levy of 1953,	.09

Motor vehicle and trailer excise:

Levy of 1950,	.49
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Levy of 1951,	8.25	
Levy of 1952,	12.66	
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		\$70.96
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$47.51	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	23.45	
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		\$70.96

## TAX TITLES

Outstanding June 27, 1951,	\$3,050.23	
Transfers to tax titles:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951:		
Taxes 1951,	\$1,201.50	
1952:		
Taxes 1950,	34.00	
Taxes 1951,	52.50	
Taxes 1952,	1,270.25	
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	2,558.25	
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		\$5,608.48
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$1,313.83	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,	4,294.65	
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		\$5,608.48
Outstanding January 1, 1953,	\$4,294.65	
Interest and costs not previously recorded,	76.70	
Interest and costs recorded as tax title redemptions,	382.86	
Overpayment to be refunded,	686.06	
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		\$5,440.27
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$3,657.92	
Transfers to tax titles reported in excess:		
Taxes 1953,	18.75	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	1,763.60	
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		\$5,440.27

## TAX POSSESSIONS

Balance June 27, 1951 and January 1, 1953,

\$106 10

Balance September 28, 1953, per list.

\$106 10

## SELECTMEN'S LICENSES, ETC.

Cash balance June 27, 1951,

\$59.00

June 27 to December 31, 1951:

Antique,	\$2.00
Auctioneer,	8.00
Automobile dealer,	5.00
Liquor,	1,200.00
Outing,	45.00
Slaughtering,	1.00

1,261.00

1952:

Auctioneer,	\$11.00
Automobile dealer,	20.00
Bakery,	1.00
Bottling,	20.00
Bowling,	12.00
Gun,	1.00
Ice cream,	10.00
Innholder,	10.00
Liquor,	1,205.00
Outing,	91.00
Slaughtering,	76.00
Victualler,	12.00
Wood,	1.00
Junk,	5.00

Miscellaneous receipts 1952:

Sale of wood,	15.00
Sale of firehouse doors,	40.00
Miscellaneous,	48.05

1,578.05

Payments to treasurer:

\$2,898.05

June 27 to December 31, 1951,  
1952.

\$1,292.00

1,606.05

\$2,898.05



Licenses and permits issued January 1 to  
September 28, 1953:

Antique,	\$4.00
Auctioneer,	2.00
Automobile dealer,	20.00
Bakery,	1.00
Bottling,	20.00
Bowling,	12.00
Funeral director,	10.00
Gas station,	5.00
Ice cream,	8.00
Innholder,	25.00
Junk,	20.00
Outing,	70.00
Slaughtering,	76.00
Taxi,	1.00
Victualler,	13.00

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\$287.00

Payments to treasurer January 1 to  
September 28, 1953,

\$276.00

Cash on hand September 28, 1953, verified,

11.00

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\$287.00

### TOWN CLERK

#### Dog Licenses

Cash balance June 27, 1951, \$20.00

Licenses issued:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$163.00
1952,	517.00

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680.00

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\$700.00

Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$154.40
1952,	483.20

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\$637.60

Fees retained:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$8.60
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1952,	41.80	
		50.40
Cash balance December 31, 1952,	12.00	
		<del>\$700.00</del>
Cash balance January 1, 1953,	\$12.00	
Licenses issued January 1 to September 28, 1953:		
Male,	113 at \$2.00, \$226.00	
Female,	26 at 5.00, 130.00	
Spayed female,	69 at 2.00, 138.00	
Kennel,	1 at 10.00, 10.00	
Kennel,	3 at 25.00, 75.00	
Kennel,	2 at 50.00, 100.00	
		679.00
		<del>\$691.00</del>
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
September 28, 1953,	\$624.40	
Fees retained January 1 to September 28, 1953,	41.60	
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	25.00	
		<del>\$691.00</del>
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	\$25.00	
Licenses issued September 29 to November 5, 1953:		
Male,	5 at \$2.00, \$10.00	
Spayed female,	1 at 2.00, 2.00	
		12.00
		<del>\$37.00</del>
Payments to treasurer September 29 to		
November 5, 1953,	\$32.40	
Fees retained September 29 to		
November 5, 1953,	2.60	
Cash balance November 5, 1953,	2.00	
		<del>\$37.00</del>

## TOWN CLERK

## Sporting Licenses

Licenses issued January 1 to September 28, 1953:

## Resident Citizens':

Fishing,	92 at \$3.25,	\$299.00
Hunting,	15 at 3.25,	48.75
Sporting,	47 at 5.25,	246.75
Minor fishing,	12 at 1.25,	15.00
Female fishing,	19 at 2.25,	42.75
Trapping,	1 at 7.75,	7.75

## Special non-resident:

Fishing,	1 at 2.75,	2.75
Resident alien fishing,	3 at 7.75,	23.25
Non-resident hunting,	1 at 15.25,	15.25
Non-resident military or naval fishing,	1 at 2.00,	2.00

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\$703.25

## Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game

January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$625.25
Fees retained January 1 to September 28, 1953,	46.50
Cash balance September 28, 1953,	31.50

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\$703.25

Cash balance September 29, 1953, \$31.50

Licenses issued September 29 to November 5, 1953:

## Resident Citizens:

Fishing,	1 at \$3.25,	\$3.25
Hunting,	42 at 3.25,	136.50
Trapping,	2 at 7.75,	15.50

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155.25

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\$186.75

## Payments to Division of Fisheries and Game

September 29 to November 5, 1953,	\$162.00
Fees retained September 29 to November 5, 1953,	11.75
Cash balance November 5, 1953,	13.00

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\$186.75

## POLICE DEPARTMENT

## Revolver Permits

Cash balance June 27, 1951,	\$6.50
Permits issued:	
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$2.50

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1952,	24.50	
		27.00
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$7.00	
1952,	22.00	
		\$29.00
Cash balance December 31, 1952.		4.50
Cash balance January 1, 1953,		\$4.50
Permits issued January 1 to September 28, 1953.		25.50
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
September 28, 1953.		\$28.00
Cash on hand September 28, 1953 and		
November 2, 1953, verified.		2.00

## COURT FINES

Receipts June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$291.00
Payments to treasurer June 27 to	
December 31, 1951,	\$291.00

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Cash balance June 27, 1951,	\$23.20	
Charges:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$14.20	
1952,	43.60	
		57.80
Payments to treasurer:		\$81.00
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$37.40	
1952,	43.60	
		\$81.00
Charges January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$28.30

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Balance September 28, 1953,		28.30
Balance September 29, 1953,	\$28.30	
Charges September 29 to November 3, 1953,	9.80	
		\$38.10
Outstanding November 3, 1953, per list,	\$1.00	
Cash on hand November 3, 1953, verified,	37.10	
		\$38.10

## WIRE INSPECTOR

Cash balance June 27, 1951,	\$10.00	
Permits issued:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$108.00	
1952,	166.00	
	274.00	
		\$284.00
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$118.00	
1952,	166.00	
		\$284.00
Permits issued January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$112.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$100.00	
Cash on hand September 28, 1953, verified,	12.00	
		\$112.00

## HEALTH DEPARTMENT

### Licenses

Cash balance June 27, 1951,	\$9.50	
Licenses issued 1952:		
Milk,	\$8.50	
Oleomargarine,	2.00	
	10.50	
		\$20.00



## Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$9.50
1952,	10.50

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\$20.00

## Licenses issued January 1 to September 28, 1953:

Milk,	\$7.50
Oleomargarine,	2.50

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\$10.00

Cash balance September 28, 1953.

\$10.00

## Dental Clinic

## Receipts:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$42.50
1952,	142.58

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\$185.08

## Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$42.50
1952,	142.58

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\$185.08

Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953,

\$24.25

Payments to treasurer January 1 to  
September 28, 1953,

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\$24.25

## PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT

## General Relief—Accounts Receivable

## Charges:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$360.93
1952,	67.42

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\$428.35

## Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$360.93
1952,	67.42

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\$428.35

Old age assistance accounts receivable

recorded as general relief accounts receivable.

\$368.62

Charges recorded in excess,

\$368.62

**Aid to Dependent Children—Accounts Receivable**

Outstanding June 27, 1951,	\$3,354.41	
Charges:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$509.97	
1952,	3,867.89	
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	4,377.86	
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		\$7,732.27
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$3,864.38	
1952,	3,867.89	
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		\$7,732.27
Charges January 1 to September 28, 1953:		
Reported,	\$2,939.42	
Not previously reported,	245.96	
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	\$3,185.38	
Aid to dependent children federal grants recorded as aid to dependent children accounts receivable,	341.45	
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		\$3,526.83
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$2,939.42	
Charges recorded in excess,	341.45	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,	245.96	
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		\$3,526.83

**PUBLIC WELFARE DEPARTMENT****Disability Assistance—Accounts Receivable**

Charges 1952,	\$359.76
Payments to treasurer 1952,	\$359.76
Charges January 1 to September 28, 1953:	
Reported,	\$487.37
Not previously reported,	18.97
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	\$506.34
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$487.50
Disability assistance accounts receivable	

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credited to federal grants administration  
in error,

18.84

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\$506.34

## BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

## Accounts Receivable

Outstanding June 27, 1951,		\$9,845.07	
Charges:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$12,433.77		
1952,	28,984.20		
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		41,417.97	
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			\$51,263.04
Payments to treasurer:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,		\$22,278.84	
1952,		28,984.20	
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			\$51,263.04
Charges January 1 to September 28, 1953:			
Recorded,		\$21,145.88	
Not previously reported,		762.51	
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			\$21,908.39
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$21,145.88	
Old age assistance accounts receivable recorded as water rates accounts receivable,		124.55	
Old age assistance accounts receivable recorded as general relief accounts receivable,		368.62	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list,		269.34	
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			\$21,908.39

## VETERANS' SERVICES DEPARTMENT

## Accounts Receivable

Outstanding June 27, 1951,		\$175.76	
Charges:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$272.35		
1952,	971.08		
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			1,243.43

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	<u>                    </u>	\$1,419.19
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$448.11	
1952,	<u>971.08</u>	
		\$1,419.19
Charges January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$107.25
Payments to treasurer January 1 to		
September 28, 1953,		\$107.25

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Lunch Program

## Receipts:

June 27 to December 31, 1951:

Lunches,	\$3,435.40
Federal and State reimbursements,	<u>826.16</u>

\$4,261.56

1952:

Lunches,	\$7,819.99
Federal and State reimbursements,	<u>2,441.34</u>

10,261.33

\$14,522.89

## Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,  
1952,\$4,261.56  
10,261.33

\$14,522.89

## Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953:

Lunches,	\$5,615.87
Federal and State reimbursements,	<u>2,011.41</u>

\$7,627.28

Payments to treasurer January 1 to  
September 28, 1953,\$7,363.28  
264.00

Cash balance September 28, 1953,

\$7,627.28

Cash balance September 29, 1953,

\$264.00

Receipts September 29 to October 31, 1953:

Lunches, \$1,290.50

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Federal and State reimbursements,	333.84	
		1,624.34
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		\$1,888.34
Payments to treasurer September 29 to October 31, 1953,	\$1,660.34	
Cash on hand October 31, 1953, verified,	228.00	
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		\$1,888.34

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

## Athletic Program

Receipts:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$714.35	
1952,	893.60	
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		\$1,607.95
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$714.35	
1952,	893.60	
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		\$1,607.95
Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$128.60
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$128.60
Receipts September 29 to October 31, 1953,		\$205.50
Payments to treasurer September 29 to October 31, 1953,		\$205.50

## LIBRARY DEPARTMENT

Cash balance June 27, 1951,		\$8.54
Receipts:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$15.36	
1952,	35.72	
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		51.08
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		\$59.62
Payments to treasurer:		
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$23.90	
1952,	35.72	
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		\$59.62



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Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$22.86
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$22.86
Receipts September 29 to October 12, 1953,	\$.72
Cash on hand October 12, 1953, verified,	\$.72

## WATER DEPARTMENT

## Accounts Receivable

Outstanding June 27, 1951,		\$4,411.89	
Charges:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$8,557.03		
1952,	14,882.13		
		23,439.16	
Refunds:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$16.30		
1952,	13.00		
		29.30	
Overpayment by Cassa E. Dimon, water registrar transferred to discrepancy account,		8.91	
			\$27,889.26
Payments to treasurer:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$9,503.73		
1952,	13,041.79		
		\$22,545.52	
Abatements June 27 to December 31, 1951,		190.88	
Transfers to Cassa E. Dimon discrepancy account:			
June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$193.00		
1952,	19.00		
		212.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1952,		4,940.86	
			\$27,889.26
Outstanding January 1, 1953,		\$4,940.86	
Charges January 1 to September 28, 1953:			
Reported,	\$7,284.52		
Not previously reported,	6,478.69		
		13,763.21	

Old age assistance accounts receivable recorded as water rates accounts receivable.	124.55	
Appropriation refund credited to water accounts receivable in error,	4.27	
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		\$18,832.89
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,	\$7,507.05	
Abatements not previously reported,	183.53	
Transfers to Cassa E. Dimon discrepancy account not previously reported,	23.00	
Outstanding September 28, 1953, per list.	8,057.84	
Cash balance September 28, 1953, verified,	3,061.47	
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		\$18,832.89

## CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

## Receipts:

June 27 to December 31, 1951:

Burials,	\$301.00	
Foundations,	34.00	
Perpetual care,	250.00	
Sale of lots and graves,	220.00	
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		\$805.00

1952:

Burials,	\$629.00	
Foundations,	77.50	
Perpetual care,	600.00	
Sale of lots and graves,	595.00	
Services,	120.00	
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		2,021.50

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\$2,826.50

## Payments to treasurer:

June 27 to December 31, 1951,	\$805.00	
1952,	2,021.50	
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\$2,826.50

## Receipts January 1 to September 28, 1953:

Burials,	\$295.00	
Foundations,	10.00	
Perpetual care,	650.00	

Sale of lots and graves,	350.00	
		\$1,305.00
Payments to treasurer January 1 to September 28, 1953,		\$1,305.00
Receipts September 29 to October 31, 1953:		
Burials,	\$100.00	
Foundations,	72.00	
Sale of lots and graves,	75.00	
		\$247.00
Payments to treasurer September 29 to October 31, 1953,		\$247.00

## WOOLVETT LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand June 27, 1951,	\$2,654.64	\$2,654.64
On hand December 31, 1951,	\$2,718.05	\$2,718.05
On hand December 31, 1952,	\$2,800.19	\$2,800.19
On hand September 28, 1953,	\$2,800.19	\$2,800.19

## Receipts

## Payments

## June 27 to December 31, 1951

Income,	\$63.41	Added to savings deposits,	\$63.41
		1952	

Income,	\$82.14	Added to savings deposits,	\$82.14
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## January 1 to September 28, 1953

No transactions recorded

## EMERSON LIBRARY FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand June 27, 1951,	\$241.04	\$241.04
On hand December 31, 1951,	\$246.79	\$246.79
On hand December 31, 1952,	\$254.23	\$254.23
On hand September 28, 1953,	\$254.23	\$254.23

## Receipts

## Payments

## June 27 to December 31, 1951

Income,	\$5.75	Added to savings deposits,	\$5.75
		1952	

Income,	\$7.44	Added to savings deposits,	\$7.44
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## January 1 to September 28, 1953

No transactions recorded

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CEMETERY GENERAL CARE FUND

	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand June 27, 1951.	\$5,922.29	\$5,922.29
On hand December 31, 1951.	\$6,063.74	\$6,063.74
On hand December 31, 1952.	\$6,101.27	\$6,101.27
On hand September 28, 1953.	\$5,922.29	\$5,922.29

Receipts

Payments

June 27 to December 31, 1951

Income.	\$141.45	Added to savings deposits.	\$141.45
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1952

Income.	\$178.98	Added to savings deposits.	\$37.53
		Transferred to town,	141.45

\$178.98

\$178.98

January 1 to September 28, 1953

Withdrawn from savings deposits,	\$178.98	Transferred to town.	\$178.98
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CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

	Cash in General Treasury	Savings Deposits	Total
On hand June 27, 1951.	\$300.00	\$8,664.09	\$8,964.09
On hand December 31, 1951.	\$350.00	\$9,067.95	\$9,417.95
On hand December 31, 1952.	\$500.00	\$9,589.75	\$10,089.75
On hand September 28, 1953.	\$450.00	\$10,014.09	\$10,464.09

Receipts

Payments

June 27 to December 31, 1951

Income.	\$203.86	Added to savings deposits.	\$403.86
Bequests,	250.00	Cash in general treasury	
Cash in general treasury		December 31, 1951.	350.00
June 27, 1951,	300.00		

\$753.86

\$753.86

1952

Income.	\$275.66	Added to savings deposits.	\$521.80
Bequests,	600.00	Transferred to town.	203.86
Cash in general treasury		Cash in general treasury	
January 1, 1952,	350.00	December 31, 1952,	500.00

\$1,225.66

\$1,225.66

January 1 to September 28, 1953

Bequests,	\$650.00	Added to savings deposits.	\$424.34
Cash in general treasury		Transferred to town.	275.66

January 1, 1953,	500.00	Cash in general treasury	
		September 28, 1953,	450.00
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	\$1,150.00		\$1,150.00

## POST-WAR REHABILITATION FUND

	Cash in General Treasury	Securities Par Value	Total
On hand June 27, 1951,	\$3,384.45	\$3,000.00	\$6,384.45
On hand December 31, 1951,	\$3,474.45	\$3,000.00	\$6,474.45
On hand December 31, 1952,		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00
On hand September 28, 1953		\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00

## Receipts

## Payments

## June 27 to December 31, 1951

Income,	\$90.00	Cash in general treasury	
Cash in general treasury		December 31, 1951,	\$3,474.45
June 27, 1951,	3,384.45		
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	\$3,474.45		\$3,474.45

1952

Income,	\$60.00	Transferred to town,	\$3,534.45
Cash in general treasury			
January 1, 1952,	3,474.45		
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	\$3,534.45		\$3,534.45

## January 1 to September 28, 1953

No transactions recorded



TOWN OF MILLIS

Balance Sheet—September 28, 1953

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash:		State Assessments 1953:	
General,		Audit of Municipal Accounts,	\$210.82
Special		Smoke Inspection,	48.62
Hundredth Anniversary,		Parks and Reservations,	273.08
Advances for Petty			
Tax Collectors,			
Due From:		Employees' Payroll Deductions:	\$532.52
Leonard W. Lindahl, Treasurer,		Federal Taxes,	\$4,399.60
1951 Account,	\$53.40	County Retirement System,	208.75
Charles E. Dimon,			
Water Registrar,	32.29		4,608.35
		Overpayments to be Refunded:	
		Real Estate Taxes 1951,	\$100.00
		Tax Titles,	686.06
Accounts Receivable:		County—Dog Licenses,	786.06
Taxes:		Cemetery Perpetual Care Requests,	175.20
Levy of 1949:		Trust Fund Income:	450.00
Real Estate,	\$1.00	Cemetery Perpetual	
Levy of 1950:	5.00	Care Fund,	\$1,056.05
Real Estate,		Cemetery General Care	
Levy of 1951:	8.00	Fund,	558.47
Poll,	25.00		
Personal Property,	105.34		
Real Estate,			
Levy of 1952:	54.00		
Poll,	577.50		
Personal Property,	2,186.07		
Real Estate,			
Levy of 1953:	476.00		
Poll,			
		Hundredth Anniversary Fund,	1,614.52
		Stabilization Fund,	798.45
		Appropriation from Post-War	8,000.00
		Rehabilitation Fund for Remodeling	

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Personal Property, Real Estate	8,897.00 136,850.50	the Town Offices, Federal Grants:	3,000.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Expense		Disability Assistance	
Levy of 1950,	\$41.47	Administration,	\$22.86
Levy of 1951,	763.44	Assistance,	199.90
Levy of 1952,	2,188.95	Aid to Dependent Children:	
Levy of 1953,	5,750.34	Administration,	97.46
		Aid,	508.53
		Old Age Assistance:	
		Administration,	328.42
		Assistance,	2,297.05
Special Assessments:		Vocational Education:	
Sewer:		Smith-Hughes-George-Barden	177.00
Unapportioned,	\$14,263.46	Fund,	
Added to Taxes:			3,631.22
Levy of 1951,	57.00		
Tax Titles and Possessions:		Revolving Funds:	
Tax Titles,	\$1,763.60	School Lunch,	\$958.95
Tax Possessions,	106.10	School Athletics,	48.55
			1,007.50
Departmental:		Appropriation Balances	
Aid to Dependent Children,	\$245.96	Revenue:	
Old Age Assistance,	269.34	General,	\$124,934.06
		Water:	
		Maintenance and	
		Operation,	5,990.78
		Construction and	
		Extension,	493.81
Water:		Non-Revenue:	
Rates,		Sewer Construction and	
Aid to Highways:		Extension,	5,633.90
State,	\$9,250.64	Water Construction and	
County,	1,000.00	Extension,	9,542.15
Estimated Receipts to be Collected,	10,250.64 3,467.19		146,594.70

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Loans Authorized		100	Authorized and Unissued.	350,000 00
School Construction		350,000 00	Estimated 1953	
Due From:			County:	
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,		3,000 00	Hospital,	\$1,453.10
Overdrawn Appropriation:			Tax,	.65
Civil Defence,	1.86			
				1,453.75
				880.96
				1,113.75
				6,281.20
			Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,	
			Road Machinery Fund,	
			Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus,	
			Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
			Levy of 1949,	\$1.00
			Levy of 1950,	5.00
			Levy of 1951,	138.34
			Levy of 1952,	2,817.57
			Levy of 1953,	12,179.78
				15,141.69
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
			Motor Vehicle and Trailer	
			Excise,	\$8,744.20
			Special Assessment,	14,320.46
			Tax Title and Possession,	1,869.70
			Departmental,	515.30
			Water,	11,151.60
			Aid to Highway,	10,250.64
			Reserve for Petty Cash Advances,	46,851.90
			Surplus Revenue:	35.00
			Current Year,	\$208.00
			Prior Years,	40,886 16
				41,094.16
				\$634,050.93

## DEBT ACCOUNTS

<b>Net Funded or Fixed Debt:</b>	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General,	
Public Service Enterprises,	
Serial Loans:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General:	
Sewer Loan 1950,	\$102,000.00
Sewer Loan 1953,	4,000.00
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	\$106,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
Public Service Enterprises:	
Water Loans 1952,	\$22,800.00
Water Mains 1953,	16,000.00
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	38,800.00
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	\$144,800.00

## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

<b>Trust and Investment Funds</b>	
Cash and Securities:	
In Custody of Treasurer,	
Library Funds:	
Woolvett Library Fund,	\$2,800.19
Emerson Library Fund,	254.23
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	\$3,054.42
Cemetery Funds:	
Cemetery General Care	
Fund,	\$5,922.29
Cemetery Perpetual Care	
Fund,	10,014.09
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	15,936.38
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund,	3,000.00
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	\$21,990.80





*Annual Report*

*of the*

School Committee

*and*

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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Town of Millis

*for the*

FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31 1953



**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

Gertrude Weinstein Chairman	Term Expires 1954
Residence, Norfolk Road	
Stuart M. King Recording Secretary	Term Expires 1956
Residence, Spring Street	
Earl H. Merkle Financial Secretary	Term Expires 1954
Residence, Plain Street	
Robert W. McDonough	Term Expires 1955
Residence, Main Street	
Frederick J. Welch	Term Expires 1955
Residence, Exchange Street	

Regular meeting held second Wednesday of each month at  
7:30 P.M. in the High School Building

**Superintendent of Schools****GEORGE C. ROY**

Residence 67 North Street Medfield	Tel. Medfield 576
Office, Millis Consolidated School	Tel. Millis 142

**Secretary of the School Department****DOROTHY THUMITH**

Office, Millis High School	Tel. Millis 142
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**High School Principal****CLYDE F. BROWN****Assistant High School Principal****HENRY M. DOYLE****Elementary Principal****JAMES H. PETTENGILL****School Physician****JACOB ZALVAN, M.D.****School Nurse****MYRTLE COLDWELL, R.N.****Custodians and Attendance Officers****ARTHUR WATSON****JOSEPH JOHNSON**

**SCHOOL CENSUS****October 1, 1953****Registration**

	<i>5-6 Years</i>	<i>7-16 Years</i>	<i>Over 16</i>	<i>Totals</i>
Boys	69	197	18	284
Girls	69	207	13	289
Totals	138	404	31	573

**Distribution**

In Public Schools	138	372	23	533
In Private Schools		18	2	20
In Vocational Schools			2	2
In Agricultural Schools		3	4	7
In Other Schools		7		7
Not in School		4		4
Totals	138	404	31	573

**SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1953 - 1954****High School — 39 Weeks**

Fall Term began	September 9, 1953
Closed	December 23, 1953
Winter Term began	January 4, 1954
Closes	February 19, 1954
Early Spring Term begins	March 1, 1954
Closes	April 23, 1954
Late Spring Term begins	May 1, 1954
Closes	June 25, 1954

or when 180 days are completed

**Elementary School — 38 Weeks**

The same as for the High School except that Late Spring Term closes approximately two weeks earlier.

**Daily Sessions**

Kindergarten—Morning Session	8:45 - 11:30
Afternoon Session	12:30 - 2:30
Grades One through Three	8:45 - 11:50—12:20 - 2:30
Grades Four through Six	8:45 - 12:20—12:50 - 2:30
Grades Seven and Eight	8:25 - 11:05—11:25 - 2:00
Grades Nine through Twelve	8:25 - 11:25—11:55 - 2:00

**Holidays**

October 12	Columbus Day
October 30	Norfolk Teachers' Convention
November 11	Armistice Day
November 26-27	Thanksgiving Day
April 16	Good Friday
April 19	Patriot's Day
May 31	Memorial Day

**Storm Signals**

22 at 7:15 A.M. Also listen for radio announcements over WBZ and WKOX at 7:00 A.M.



## 1953 — SCHOOL PERSONNEL — 1954

School	Assignment	Name	No. yrs. exp.	Began service in Millis	Education
Cons.	Superintendent	George C. Roy	18	Sept. 1949	B.A., Providence College M.Ed., Boston University C.A.G.S., Boston University B.S., University of Vt.
High	Principal	Clyde F. Brown	32	Sept. 1924	
High	Assistant Principal				
	Social Studies	Henry M. Doyle	6	Sept. 1948	B.A., Clark University
High	Languages	Helen M. Fiola	7	Sept. 1947	B.A., Emmanuel College
High	Math., Chem.	Mary K. Gavin	19½	Jan. 1935	B.A., Emmanuel College
High	Commercial	Mary M. Barrett	17	Sept. 1940	B.S., M.Ed., Boston University
High	Commercial	Dorothy Magraw	19½	Sept. 1949	B.S.E., Salem State Teachers Coll.
High	English	Norma E. Stapleton	1	Sept. 1953	B.A., Emmanuel College
High	History, Coach	James M. Parsons	2	Sept. 1952	B.S., Boston College
Jr.High	Phys. Ed., Science,				
	Asst. Coach	Edward P. Tamulevitz	2	Sept. 1952	B.S.E., Boston University
Jr. High	English	Nancy M. Nolan	7	Sept. 1947	B.A., Emmanuel College
Jr. High	Math., Biology	Eleanor E. Kenney	7	Sept. 1947	B.S., Simmons College
High,		Joan B. McKinstry	3	Sept. 1951	B.S., Sargent College
Elem.	Physical Education				
Elem.	Principal	James H. Pettengill	6	Apr. 1951	B.S.E., Bridgewater State Teachers M.Ed., Boston University
Elem.	Grade 6	Rose Randlett	15	Sept. 1953	Niel Kind. & Primary Train. School
Elem.	Grade 6	Pauline A. Madden	1	Sept. 1953	B.S., Sacred Heart College
Elem.	Grade 5	Rose L. M. Blom	24	Sept. 1941	B.A., Boston University

Elem.	Grade 5	Eleanor F. Hannigan	3	Sept. 1951	B.A., Emmanuel College
Elem.	Grade 4	Katherine H. Conroy	12	Sept. 1944	Salem Teachers College
Elem.	Grade 3	Ellen R. Horan	34	Sept. 1920	Chandler School
Elem.	Grade 3	Eileen C. O'Keefe	3	Sept. 1951	B.S., Emmanuel College
					M.Ed., Boston College
Elem.	Grade 2	Sibyl A. Enegren	21	Nov. 1938	B.A., Wheaton College
Elem.	Grade 2	Helen A. Brennan	28	Jan. 1926	Worcester & Framingham State Teachers
Elem.	Grade 1	Mary E. Rogers	9	Dec. 1950	Lowell Teachers' College
Elem.	Grade 1	Kay R. Olson	1	Sept. 1953	B.S.E., Framingham Teachers College
Elem.	Kindergarten	Mildred A. Kingsbury	12	Sept. 1947	Framingham State Teachers College

SPECIAL TEACHERS

Household Acts, Cafeteria	H. Jeanne Currivan	3	Sept. 1951	B.A., Regis College
Music	Charlotte Roberts	1	Sept. 1953	B.M., Boston Univ. College of Music
Art	Dorothy Wallace	22	Sept. 1949	B.S.E., Massachusetts Art
				M.Ed., Boston University
Industrial Art	Richard A. Young	5	Sept. 1949	Wentworth Institute
				Fitchburg State Teachers College
				Northeastern University

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Nurse	Myrtle A. Caldwell	Sept. 1942	R.N., Mass. Memorial Hospital
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SCHOOL CLERK

Clerk	Dorothy Thumith	Nov. 1947	Pierce Secretarial School
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CUSTODIANS AND ATTENDANCE OFFICERS

Joseph Johnson  
Arthur Watson

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of Millis:

We present herewith our report of the Millis Consolidated School for the year 1953.

Your committee found it necessary this year to make some amendments to the present rules and regulations which it is hoped will place less of a burden on the administration and make for a more clear cut policy. The requirements leading to the award of athletic sweaters were clarified and a definite procedure was adopted to be followed in cases of injury sustained in athletic contests. It would seem only fair that injuries should be at least checked by the school physician.

As stated in a previous town report the committee adopted a salary schedule and has been gradually adjusting salaries of teachers to bring the salary in line with length of service. We expect to have this adjustment complete in September of 1954.

In April the Millis and Norfolk schools combined to produce a Music Festival at Millis High School Auditorium. Some very fine group and individual efforts featured this evening.

This past June marked the 50th anniversary of the first graduating class of Millis High School and this event was highlighted by a tremendous Alumni Banquet on June 6th. For the first time, the graduation exercises were spread over two different nights. Your committee felt that this system made a full program possible and at the same time eliminated the necessity of one long program.

During the summer vacation much was accomplished in the way of repairs and improvements to the plant. The exterior of the school was painted and all panes of broken glass replaced. We might say at this time that the willful breakage of window glass at the school continues and is a needless fixed cost year after year. Two sections of gutter were replaced with new copper gutter of seven inch depth. Other sections of the gutter were repaired and all drains were

cleaned. We wish to thank Mr. Herman Doliner for his assistance on these projects. Two new doors were installed at the entrance at the extreme rear of the school and special locks were installed on the auditorium doors. New ceilings were put up in two of the elementary classrooms. Another section of curbing was laid at the rear of the school which we hope will discourage people from parking on the lawn.

After extensive deliberation, your committee made available to the students and faculty members a policy of broad accident insurance, the cost to be borne entirely by the participating students and faculty members. This is a group insurance program which has been installed in many cities and towns in the Commonwealth and is available only if the students and faculty members contribute directly. A policy of this type could not be purchased by a town out of public funds for as low a cost of \$1.00 per person. We are happy to report that 65% of our total enrollment have entered this program.

A number of new movable type desk and chair units were purchased this fall for use in one of the elementary classrooms. This furniture is of very modern and practical design and is of the same type which will be used in the new school. It is a tremendous improvement over the old stationary type of school furniture.

Once again this past summer the school committee sponsored a supervised recreation program. This consisted of two weeks of playground activities and a two week swimming period at Dug Pond, Natick. Both activities were conducted by instructors of the highest caliber. The attendance by the boys and girls was most gratifying and substantiates the opinion of the committee that these programs should be continued and if possible extended.

Once again the school cafeteria has been self sustaining and has been managed with a high degree of efficiency. Also, as in past years, through the kindness of Mr. Fred Browne of Walpole, a Driver Education car is shared with Medfield. This program has made tremendous strides in recent years and this year there are more students participating than ever before.

We wish to extend sincere thanks to Millis Post 208, American Legion, and to the Parent-Teacher Association for making available scholarship awards.

We ask that you give some attention to the various reports by the school administrators and faculty members which will go into far more detail than is contained in this writing.

We wish to extend sincere thanks to the school administration, faculty members, service personnel, Parent-Teacher Association, parents, and citizens of the Town of Millis, and all others who have contributed toward making this a year of progress and success.

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE WEINSTEIN, *Chairman*

STUART M. KING, *Secretary*

EARL H. MERKLE, *Fin. Secretary*

ROBERT W. McDONOUGH, *Member*

FREDERICK J. WELCH, *Member*

*School Committee.*



**FINANCIAL REPORT**  
**MILLIS SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**

**December 31, 1953**

Item	Amount Expended	% of Total
Salaries—High School	\$43,672.38	36.51
Salaries—Elementary	41,949.03	35.07
Expenses of Principals,		
Supervisors and Teachers:		
High School	515.34	.40
Elementary	176.58	.15
Textbooks—High School	880.08	.74
Textbooks—Elementary	1,151.64	.86
Supplies—High School	2,817.42	2.36
Supplies—Elementary	1,682.81	1.41
Janitors Service—High School	3,058.00	2.46
Janitors Service—Elementary	3,158.50	2.54
Fuel—Coal	1,589.22	1.22
Fuel—Oil	1,261.15	1.05
Electricity	1,865.36	1.56
Janitors Supplies	1,192.96	1.00
Repairs	3,504.11	2.53
Health	1,407.08	1.18
Transportation	1,168.04	.98
Physical Education	1,797.23	1.50
Expenses of Committee	110.87	.93
Superintendent's Expenses	4,821.53	4.03
New Equipment	1,823.00	1.52
	<hr/> \$119,602.33	<hr/> 100.00%

**REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

To the School Committee and Citizens of Millis:

Herewith I submit my fifth annual report as Superintendent of Schools. It is the sixty-second in a series of school reports and in it are incorporated the reports of the Principals, Supervisors, Coaches, and other department heads.

## ANNUAL REPORT

This report gives us a summary of the highlights of the School Department for the past twelve months.

As of October 1, 1953 our enrollment was as follows:

Grade K	66	Grade 7	35
1	54	8	39
2	47	9	35
3	43	10	26
4	37	11	22
5	59	12	26
6	45		
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Total Elementary	351	Total Jr.-Sr. High	183
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Grand Total		534	

Some of the over-crowded conditions which will be corrected with the new elementary school are as follows:

1. The two elementary classrooms now housed in the high school library will be located in the new building and this area will revert to its original use.
2. The area which is divided or partitioned on the elementary side will not be used with the partition any longer.
3. It will no longer be necessary to use the cafeteria for a study hall.
4. Classes in the women teachers' room will be eliminated.
5. The room which formerly was used for Household Arts and now serves as a study hall will revert to its previous purpose.
6. The Chemistry Laboratory will be used solely in connection with this science and will prove much more serviceable for the classes.
7. With two areas for gymnasium-auditorium, one in the present building for the Junior-Senior high groups and one in the new building for the elementary, more and varied activities will be scheduled at all three levels. Formerly this was impossible due to the fact that with a single auditorium only a limited number of activities could be scheduled.
8. The Elementary Principal and Superintendent share the same office. Naturally the Elementary Principal will have his office in the new building and the Superintendent's office will remain in the present location.

In September, with the Elementary Unit located in the new school, considerable improvements will be shown in all areas. In the present building the following changes are recommended over a period of time:

### **Basement**

The present study hall will revert to its former use—Household Arts. Provisions should be made so that cooking classes can be held in this particular area. To do the above the necessary water and electric power lines should be extended.

### **First Floor**

On the first floor Mr. Brown's office, the Women Teachers' Room and the Health Room will remain the same. Provisions should be made to transfer the present Commercial equipment, etc., such as typewriters and duplicating machines to the present first grade areas located in the front of the building. Room 11 which now serves as a Junior High home room could be used for science and audio-visual aids.

### **Second Floor**

On the second floor it is planned to move the temporary partition forward in the central area so that part of the area may be used for a corridor. By doing this there will be a corridor extending from the very front of the building on the second floor to the rear of the building on this level.

The importance of guidance is realized by all, and next fall the room in the front of the building on the second floor will be used as an office for the Assistant Junior-Senior High School Principal and

### **Guidance Director.**

The Chemistry Laboratory will be used exclusively for science. With this arrangement it should be possible to carry on more experiments.

Looking ahead this particular plan allows for the use of ten classrooms and nine record rooms. This recommendation is the result of study by the faculty, the administration, and the School Committee.

### **Activities**

The year 1953 was a very important one for the School Department. This marked the 'Fiftieth Graduation' from Millis High School. You will find a complete program and report of this celebration elsewhere in this report so I shall not repeat it.

From the very beginning of this program the name of Clyde F. Brown, Principal, who is presently serving the School Department for his thirtieth year, was echoed and re-echoed time and time again. His unselfish interest, his untiring devotion and loyalty to Millis were referred to by each speaker. The Committee handling the details for this event deserve thanks for their untiring efforts which made this event one of the greatest banquets in the history of Millis High.

Graduates of Millis from the very start have made excellent reputations in all areas: government, legal, industrial, political, educational, and many have rendered service to their country in peace and in war in the various branches of the armed forces. Some have made the supreme sacrifice and to each of them we are grateful.

The second event in connection with this celebration was a Class Night. The members of the graduating class highlighted the program. All scholastic awards made to the graduates and other students normally made at graduation were made at this time.

At the Graduation, the culmination of activities, the Honorable Rudolph F. King, Registrar, was the principal speaker. The class gift to the school, made at graduation by the senior class, was a portrait of our principal, Clyde F. Brown and now it hangs in the corridor as a reminder to Millis High's Principal, who is serving the youth of Millis as vigorously today as he has for the past thirty years.

Your School Committee members have given generously of their time. They realize the importance and value received from professional conferences. Some of the members, along with the Superintendent of Schools, attended the School Committee State-Wide Conference at the New Ocean House, Swampscott last May. Likewise, some of the members attended Area 2 School Committee meetings at Boston College and the Pierce School, Milton.

Your Superintendent has represented the Community at the annual national convention at Atlantic City for the American Association of School Administrators; at Swampscott for the New England Association of School Superintendents; at Bridgewater for the Massachusetts Association of School Superintendents as well as at various area meetings.

Both principals attend the state-wide meetings at their respective levels for the High School Principals and the Elementary Principals, as well as conferences and educational meetings that are conducted quite frequently.

Faculty meetings are called by the respective principals for their



groups very regularly. Meetings for the faculty are scheduled for specific purposes with the Superintendent and at times with the School Committee.

Many of our personnel pursue courses, belong to professional educational organizations, attend late afternoon and Saturday meetings which assist them in keeping informed with the latest developments in their respective areas.

Recently our School Physician Dr. Zalvan, conducted a meeting for all faculty members in "First Aid" Meetings of this type are invaluable for all.

### **Repairs and New Equipment**

Extensive repairs were made to the school building this past year. For detail of much of this I refer you to the School Committee report.

Following are but a few of the major changes made:

**Cafeteria rearrangement.** Last March 4 we received a letter from the State Building Inspector recommending that there should be an outside door in our Cafeteria at least 42 inches wide, with suitable steps to grade. This was recommended to eliminate the possibility of serious difficulty in case of fire. The following recommendations which were proposed jointly by the School Department personnel were suggested: the door which was formerly used to enter the kitchen was made an entrance-exit to the Cafeteria. To do this it was necessary to move the hot water heater and the ice cream freezer to new locations. The electric stoves were also moved to improve this situation. By following this plan, which was approved by the State Building Inspector, the additional entrance-exit to the Cafeteria was provided at a cost much less than that which was originally proposed. The present plan has proved most satisfactory.

### **New Equipment**

New modern desk and chair units were purchased for the elementary unit. These have proved very satisfactory and it gives all of the faculty an opportunity to see the advantages which are offered by having this type of school furniture.

For the Senior High School level, about twenty-five chairs were purchased.

### **Point of View**

The extension of the American manner of living is dependent



chiefly upon the way our present and future citizens are educated. Possibly one of the major developments in education is the idea of the school's responsibility for the proper background of our youth for a complete participation in the social, moral, and economic life in the town or city in which they live.

With the above in mind, we must re dedicate ourselves to the kind of education that will imprint in our youth the desire for the American way of life. It should offer a program adapted to the abilities, needs and interest of each pupil and of the community in which he lives. The program should teach, encourage, allow and assist him to plan his own objectives and offer him an equal opportunity to reach those goals at the secondary level. Again, we should state that we are interested in the development of the whole child, physically, mentally, socially, emotionally and morally. Further we should provide for him experiences so that he may realize the interdependence of man with man, an understanding of himself in relationship to his environment, a knowledge of the way of life of others and how it affects his own, an understanding of his relationship to his community, county, state, nation, and world in which he lives so that he may be prepared in the proper manner for the duties of citizenship that he will soon inherit.

In each of our lives we practice our philosophy of life by word, deed and action. So too does every school system have a philosophy, carried out in the daily activities of its program. This point of view in a school system offers direction and assistance to the personnel, students and parents as well as to all interested citizens. Each individual should have the proper kind and amount that will make him most useful to himself and society. This education should lead him to understand the principles and objectives of the democratic way of life so that he may have a foundation for his belief in his loyalty; encourage him to do his part to develop and preserve a peaceful world; assist him to develop an understanding of local, state and national affairs, help him to know himself; and assist him to develop impressions of and a respect for the dignity of man.

### Changes in Personnel

Last May Mrs. Helen Wasniewsky, a first grade teacher, resigned to be at home. During the summer Margaret Sellers, who headed the High School English Department since 1949, resigned to be married. Patricia Walsh left to enter the business world, and Mrs. Eleanor Edwards, Music Supervisor, accepted a similar position in Sharon.

We secured the following replacements: Norma Stapleton, High School English Department, Pauline Madden was employed to teach

in Grade 6; Mrs. Kay Olson received the first grade appointment; Charlotte Roberts was assigned the Music Supervisor's position; and Mrs. Rose Randlett, who taught several years in the Milton School System, was appointed to a second sixth grade classroom. Miss Helen Froh who had been on leave of absence from her duties as teacher of French and Latin in the High School returned in September.

We extend our thanks and appreciation to those who left us and wish them success in their new locations and we welcome our new faculty members and wish them success and happiness.

### FINANCES

	1953	Estimated 1954
Budget	\$119,635.31	\$124,409.00
Spent	119,602.33	
Reimbursement	35,965.61	37,079.04
Net Cost	\$83,636.72	\$87,329.96

### State Reimbursement

Chapter 70 (General School Fund)	\$29,563.38	\$29,563.38
Tuition, State Wards	257.40	257.40
Transportation, State Wards	49.60	49.60
Union Superintendent's Salary-Travel	1,755.23	1,866.66
All School Transportation	4,340.00	5,342.00
	\$35,965.61	\$37,079.04
Maintenance of Evening Practical Arts	\$227.00	\$200.00
Tuition of Pupils, Vocational Schools	295.77	295.77
Transportation Pupils, Voc. School	27.33	27.33
Total Vocational Reimbursement	\$550.10	\$523.10
Total Reimbursement	\$36,515.71	\$37,602.14

May 1, at this time, extend my appreciation for the cooperation offered by the members of the School Committee, the Principals, the entire school personnel and townspeople.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. ROY,

Superintendent of Schools.

## SCHOOL POPULATION OCTOBER 1, 1953

## Elementary

	Grade	Boys	Girls	No. by Room	No. by Grade
Mildred A. Kingsbury	K A.M.	16	18	34	
	K P.M.	15	17	32	66
Mary Rogers	1	21	7	28	
Kay Olson	1	9	17	26	54
Sibyl A. Enegren	2	10	14	24	
Helen A. Brennan	2	10	13	23	47
Eileen O'Keefe	3	9	17	26	
Ellen R. Horan	3	12	5	17	43
Katherine Conroy	4	18	19	37	37
Rose Blom	5	14	15	29	
Eleanor Hannigan	5	13	17	30	59
Rose Randlett	6	12	10	22	
Pauline Madden	6	12	11	23	45
		171	180	351	351

## Junior High School

Nancy M. Nolan	7	17	18	35	35
Edward Tamuleviz	8	10	11	21	
Eleanor E. Kenney	8	10	8	18	39
		37	37	74	74

## High School

Mary K. Gavin	9	8	11	19	
Dorothy Magraw	9	10	6	16	35
Helen M. Fiola	10	13	13	26	26
Norma E. Stapleton	11	12	10	22	22
Mary H. Barrett	12	8	18	26	26
		51	58	109	109
Totals All Grades		259	275	534	534

**REPORT OF THE JUNIOR-SENIOR HIGH PRINCIPAL**

January 1, 1954

**To the Superintendent of Schools:**

I herewith submit my annual report for the school year of 1953

**GRADUATION**

The Senior Class of Millis High School, graduated on June 10, 1953, had the distinction of being the fiftieth class. The occasion was recognized by an Alumni Banquet on Saturday, June 6. A complete report of this activity will be given by the Secretary, Mary H. Barrett. On Monday, June 8, Class Night was added to include historical statistics of the town and school. On June 10 the Graduation Exercises were held. Our fiftieth graduation was climaxed by a commencement address by the Honorable R. F. King.

**June 8 Presentations:**

Readers Digest Award to the Valedictorian, Selva M. Patino.

Harvard Book Award, sponsored by Clifford Donald Thatcher, class of 1946, Louis Moore.

Attendance Award, to the pupil neither absent nor tardy during four years in high school, Marie LaBounty.

Good Citizenship Certificate, Selva M. Patino.

Ojibwequin Teachers' Club Award for excellence in United States History, Joan Meleski.

Bausch and Lomb Award for excellence in the Sciences, Carol L. Greene.

The Balfour Award for Scholarship, Loyalty and Achievement, Selva M. Patino.

**June 10 Presentations:**

American Legion Scholarship Award, presented by Mr. Thomas F. Smith, Carol L. Greene.

Millis Parent-Teachers' Association Scholarship Award, Elena A. Costa.

## GRADUATES OF 1953

I am glad to report that a large number of our 1952 graduates are continuing their education as follows:

Richard J. Bayramchian	Strom King Preparatory School, New York
Donald G. Cox	U. S. Army
Charles E. Harris	University of Connecticut, Storrs, Conn.
Michael H. Mushnick	Boston University, Boston
William I. Tate	U. S. Air Force
Franklin J. Clark	Franklin J. Clark College, Framingham
Carol L. Greene	Northeastern University, Boston
Marion A. Kenney	Regis College, Weston
Mary T. O'Donnell	U. S. Air Force
Selva M. Patino	Boston University, Boston
Franklin J. Clark	Franklin J. Clark College, Framingham
Muriel Winiker	Northeastern University, Boston

## HOMEWORK

Very often at school, my annual P.T.A. meeting was devoted to the discussion of homework. I encouraged the discussion of this topic because of the pressure I hear from pupils and parents to the effect that the teachers should not lay much homework. The panel consisted of the Chairman, Mr. Ferguson, one parent, Mr. Michael, two teachers, Mrs. Kenney and Mrs. Clark and myself. No definite conclusions were arrived at, but the meeting gave a number of people an opportunity to discuss the subject and to express their own views. I can say that most of the discussion was constructive and helpful. The net result is that pupils are realizing that our high school and college graduates must have homework to supplement their classroom work. If a full survey could be made of a sampling of our so-called better high schools in the State, I am sure our efforts and requirements would not come back. Our objective is to encourage boys and girls to continue their education. We know that requirements for and competition in college are steadily reaching a higher level. Pupils must be properly prepared to enter college. With due consideration to the individual pupil's ability, attitude and study habits, we are going to continue to do our part in preparing them for an education beyond high school.

## DRIVER CAR

For the third consecutive year Mr. Fred C. Browne, Ford dealer in Walpole, has presented Mills-Medfield schools with a car for teaching boys and girls of sixteen years of age or over, the correct operation of motor vehicles. Mr. Richard Young has charge of the car and of the instruction. Each year the car has been received from Mr. Browne



at an assembly period of Junior and Senior High School students, at which Mr. R. F. King, Registrar of Motor Vehicles, and several of his men have been present. Others are invited and some of these attend. The talks by Mr. King and his associates on attitude, courtesy, rules and regulations, statistics, and the proper way of operating a car make this assembly our outstanding safety education assembly.

### ACTIVITIES

On April 15 a Spring Concert by Millis and Norfolk school children was presented in our Auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Eleanor D. Edwards, with the accompanists Miss Olive Day of Norfolk and Miss Joan Meleski of Millis.

The class of 1953 did exceptionally well in raising funds for the Washington trip. By means of the excellent co-operation of the parents they had sufficient funds for the trip, to publish the second Senior Class Year Book, and for expenses of Graduation. The parents were organized as follows:

**Mr. George E. Harris, Chairman**

**Mrs. Russell Brodeur, Secretary**

**Mr. Russell Brodeur, Treasurer**

The Washington trip was made during the April vacation. Miss Joan McKinstry and Mr. Edward Tamulevitz were the chaperones.

Good Government Day was observed at the State House on March 15. **Richard J. Bayramshian** represented our school.

The Junior Promenade and Senior Reception was held on May 8. This activity was a success and well attended by parents and other friends of the school. The grand march was directed by Mrs. Wilmae Thorne, and led by Joan Meleski, President of the Junior Class, and **William Tate, Treasurer of the Senior Class.**

The American Legion Post 208 sent two boys, Paul Dmytryck and Louis Moore, to Boys' State at the University of Massachusetts for one week. All expenses were paid by the Legion.

The American Legion Auxiliary sent Geraldine Zalvan to Girls' State at Bridgewater Teachers' College for one week. All expenses were paid by the Auxiliary.

On December 17 the Millis Boosters' Club, with Mr. James Clancy as Master of Ceremonies, gave the entire football squad, cheer leaders and managers a banquet. As the team had been successful in defeating Medway, 19-6, each member of the squad was presented with a belt

buckle with the year and score engraved. Each of the eight cheerleaders was given a charm bracelet with megaphone, each of the two managers medals, and the two co-captains, Louis Moore and Paul Dmytryck, were presented the football used in the Medway game. This event was very much appreciated by the boys, cheerleaders, managers, coaches and myself, as an act of appreciation for an enthusiastic group of boys who came through and won their final game.

On December 11 the Senior Class presented its annual play, "Growing Pains," under the direction of Miss Norma Stapleton. Following is the cast and the committees:

#### Cast

Louis Moore	Carl Meyer
Joan Meleski	Jon Margolis
Deirdre Macleod	Maynard Clark
Paul Dmytryck	Edward Olson
Nancy Thorne	Geraldine Zalvan
Joyce Clark	Joanna Shannon
Helen Clark	Lucille Barrier
Lloyd Lipsett	Marie Sololoski
Russell Geyer	Rae Carlson

Katherine Bison

#### Prompter

Gloria Winiker

#### Advertising Committee

Ellen Riordan	Joanna Shannon
Rae Carlson	Gertrude Jones
Betty Cassidy	

#### Ticket Committee

Joan Meleski	Geraldine Zalvan
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#### Candy Committee

Deirdre MacLeod	Helen Clark
Ellen Riordan	Nancy Thorne

#### Usherettes

Betty Cassidy	Joan Sidman
Gloria Winiker	Caroline Carlson
Betty DeSalvo	Gertrude Jones

**CLOSING EVENTS**

The end of the 1953 school year seemed to come to a sudden but happy ending. On Tuesday the elementary grades put on their own Christmas pageant, followed by that of the Junior-Senior High School, with carol singing. Wednesday, our half day before closing, was taken up mostly by carol singing and class Christmas parties. I speak of these seasonal affairs because I wish to express my sincere appreciation to many of our parents, other friends and all the teachers for the generous way in which at this time they help the entire student body to begin a merry Christmas.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the teachers, the janitors, and all others who have helped make this a successful school year.

Respectfully submitted,

CLYDE F. BROWN,

Principal.

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**REPORT OF THE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL**

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

It is my pleasure to submit to you my report of the elementary grades, kindergarten through grade six.

The present year has been highlighted by the decision of the town to build the new elementary school. Many of our present problems will be eliminated once we move to the new building. Our enrollment in kindergarten through grade six is again up over previous years causing a new strain on already inadequate facilities. This will be eliminated however, when we move to the new building. The rise of the new building is watched eagerly in its day by day progress by all concerned.

Our system of parent-teacher conferences, which we tried last year, proved very successful. We have now made this a regular part of our elementary school guidance program. In line with our guidance program, we have also developed a form which the parent fills out describing the child's behavior at home in certain situations. The child's likes, dislikes, interests, and special abilities are described. How the parent

discipline; the child is also asked. This information helps us to understand each child as an individual and thus to do a better job of teaching. It is my hope that we shall develop a new record folder in the year to come to contain data which is now being accumulated. The present folder is neither suited nor adequate for the elementary grade program.

The arithmetic series which was being tried last year has now been put into all rooms. Visual and manipulative materials have been added to aid children in going from concrete to abstract arithmetical situations.

Recognizing the importance of science in today's world, we are starting to bring our science program up to date. New up to date texts have been purchased for grades five and six. When we move into the new building we hope to be able to have the children conduct simple science experiments which lack of space and facilities have hampered in our present situation.

Our room libraries have been added to in order that a love of reading good books be encouraged and stimulated. The addition of a set of encyclopedias and children's stories for the upper grades have proved invaluable in teaching good study habits and the proper use of reference materials. It is hoped that we may add to this material in the year to come.

Several rooms are now being run in the upper grades to encourage better handwriting. This is an area which I feel we have not as yet obtained the results in to which we have aspired because of improper facilities to use left and right hands. But early results show much improved handwriting. The use of ink has seemed to increase the neatness and care with which the children prepare their papers.

It is hoped also that next year we can expand our audio-visual program. We have had to curtail the use of films as a medium because of limited space and the present situation. The new building should help solve this problem for us.

In the month of the year, the operetta *Peter Rabbit* was presented by the elementary grade children. This was well attended by parents and friends of the school. Activities such as this are made an integral part of the music and art program.

During the year, various places of interest were visited by different age groups in connection with social studies. Places such as the Wayside Inn, the Constitution, Bunker Hill, and the Old North Church, to mention a few, were visited. To challenge children with the possi-



bilities which the future holds for them such places as Logan Airport and the Museum of Science were visited. Boston and the surrounding area abounds with a wealth of historical and cultural offerings. We would be remiss in our teaching if we did not take advantage of the opportunity to visit them.

In closing my report, I wish to thank the School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the faculty and all others, who have contributed to the success of the school year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES H. PETTENGILL,  
Elementary Principal.

## REPORT OF GUIDANCE DIRECTOR

### To the Superintendent of Schools:

I wish to submit the annual report on guidance activities at the high school. Our program this year closely followed that of the past, yet we are ever making progress and expanding our facilities as needed to best serve the youth of our community. Educational guidance, vocational information, and the personal interview—formal and informal, provide the format.

In the field of educational guidance we offer a testing program and general and make available a large quantity of college catalogues for individual reading. Members of the Junior Class were administered the Boston University tests on January 23 at Medfield High School. This test offers one of the best known devices for predicting future academic success as well as seeking an area of general interest for a possible career clue.

On November 12, 1942, United States Employment Service tested and interviewed members of the Senior Class. This service is of great value and we are fortunate indeed to be one of the early schools to have adopted this program. Students entering the labor market on graduation are thus processed and have a better opportunity of finding a position suited to their interest and ability.

Other testing included administration of the Primary Mental Abilities test to members of the Junior High School. This test offers a solid



base upon which to build future school courses of study for the individual. Also, the Kuder Preference Record was administered to the tenth and eleventh grades. This is not a test of the ability type nor does it measure any particular skill. What it does is attempt to find a general field in which the student is interested in the hope that a career will be investigated and followed that ties in with the individual's likes and dislikes.

I wish to thank you, Mr. Brown, and the members of the faculty for the cooperation extended without which the work of guidance could not go on.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY M. DOYLE,

Guidance Director.

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## REPORT OF BOYS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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### To the Superintendent of Schools:

The Physical Education Department this year has stressed fundamental skills for the boys. In the early autumn, skills of softball and baseball are taught. At the close of the regular baseball season, at about the first of October, the fundamentals of football are stressed. The proper way of catching the ball, passing the ball, and punting are thoroughly reviewed. Many games of tag football are played, under strict supervision, to coordinate the physical achievements with the mental.

Shortly after Thanksgiving, the basketball program starts. This course deals entirely with basic drill—the chest pass, dribble, set shot, foul shot, and the lay-up shot. Once a boy has formed the proper habits we allow him to participate in as many contests as possible. The saying that “Practice Makes Perfect” is one of our favorite mottoes. During this indoor season, we also have volley ball tournaments which are designed with a strict emphasis on team play and coordination. The skills of badminton and tennis are passed on to the boys.

The Physical Education Department then turns its aim toward baseball and softball in the spring. A Junior High School baseball team is organized and a small schedule of games with surrounding schools are

played.

Our aim is to give each and everyone an equal opportunity to participate in as many activities as he desires. We are not looking for interscholastic athletes but for improvement of physical skills which will, in turn, improve mental attitudes. The formation of habits, good habits, is our main course of instruction.

I wish to thank the administration and the faculty for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. TAMULEVIZ,  
Physical Education Instructor.

## REPORT OF BOYS' ATHLETICS

To the Superintendent of Schools:

### REPORT ON BASKETBALL—1952-1953

The basketball team this year was composed of a nucleus of seniors who finished the season with eleven wins and nine losses. The high point of the season was the victory over Weston on their home court where they hadn't been beaten for two years. Without two of the regulars who were ill, the team still won, 61-53 led by Charlie Harris, who scored 37 points.

After the regular season was completed the team took part in the Small School Tournament and were eliminated in the second round.

Picked to the All Star Team was Charlie Harris, who averaged 18 points a game; Don Cox, and Dick Bayramshian.

The boys who participated in basketball:

Donald Cox	Alan Newell
Howard Ingraham	Gerald Nirenberg
William Tate	Thomas Keough
Richard Bayramshian	Francis Judge
Charles Harris	William Rivers
George Harris	Robert Karoghlanian
Louis Moore	Eugene Smith
George Smith	Richard Gurner

## REPORT ON BASEBALL

The record of 3 wins and 5 losses compiled by this year's team is not particularly impressive but many of the games were lost by close margins. The team was led by four seniors who provided the backbone of play and sportmanship for the younger boys to emulate. With many eighth-graders, freshmen, and sophomores in the lineup, there is promise of more successful seasons within the next few years as these boys develop.

Charlie Harris again proved to be one of the area's finest hurlers while the all-around play of Billy Tate, Howie Ingraham, and Dick Bayramshian was equally impressive.

The boys who participated in baseball:

Richard Bayramshian  
Charles Harris  
William Tate  
Howard Ingraham  
George Harris  
Louis Moore  
George Smith  
Donald Ackroyd  
Thomas Murphy

Howard Watson  
Richard Gurner  
William Collins  
Thomas Keough  
Eugene Smith  
Paul Robinson  
Robert Karoghlanian  
Francis Judge

## REPORT ON FOOTBALL

From the viewpoint of wins and losses, the 1953 football season was no great success. However, from the viewpoint of experience gained and the individual development of an extremely young and inexperienced group of boys, the season was quite successful. In the group which did most of the actual playing in the games there were five in their first year of football and five others with little former game experience. The improvement of the team as the season progressed was obvious but we were not able to match our defensive strength with a potent offense. In the Medway game the boys put on a fine exhibition in both departments. Trailing 6-0 at halftime the team came back and scored 3 times, the final score being 19-6 in our favor. With many of the team returning next season Mills should again be back on top of the football scene in this area.

The play of Co-Captains Lou Moore and Paul Dmytryck throughout the season will long be remembered by us, who coached them, and all the fans who watched the games.

Next year's Captains-elect are George Smith and Alan Newell.

My sincere thanks to Dr. Zalvan and Ed Tim for their endless co-operation, help, and interest in the boys.

Boys who participated in football:

Paul Dmytryck  
Louis Moore  
John Ward  
Edward Thatcher  
Russell Geyer  
Maynard Clark  
Jon Margolis  
Donald Ackroyd  
George Smith  
Alan Newell  
Gerald Nirenberg  
Richard Pixley  
William Keough

John Diggins  
Thomas Keough  
Gary Casey  
Martin Veiner  
George Harris  
Eugene Smith  
William Rivers  
Robert DiCenzo  
Francis Judge  
John Ellington  
Robert Barrett  
John Gately

Managers, John Willinski and Milford Kenney

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES M. PARSONS,

Coach.

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## REPORT ON ELEMENTARY AND GIRLS' PHYSICAL EDUCATION

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

Physical Education is a means of educating a child organically, intellectually, and emotionally. Successful living in any social order depends not only on the development of individuals but upon adequate adjustment of individuals in society. Physical Education contributes to social adjustment on three principles: attitudes, habits, understanding and skills. We try to give the Millis children all these everyday living values.

The program in the elementary grades consist of games of high and low organization, stunts and tumbling, folk and square dancing, relay



games, and posture work. Equipment such as footballs, rubber balls, jump ropes, softballs, and bats are available to the children during their class and recess periods.

The girls in the Junior and Senior High School are given two forty-minute periods a week of instruction and their program consists of field hockey, basketball, volleyball, badminton, square dancing, stunts and tumbling, and many other varied activities.

The Inter-Scholastic program consists of field hockey, basketball, and softball. An Intra-Mural program is also being offered this year in many of the sports.

With a 10-game schedule in Girls' basketball last year the first team had a season's record of 5 wins and 5 defeats. The second team finished with a 3 and 7 record. The girls on the first team were as follows:

Louise Cassidy  
Muriel Winiker  
Mary O'Donnell  
Elaine Barry  
Marie Sokoloski  
Betty Cassidy

Claire Lipsett  
Cynthia Simpson  
Carol Greene  
Selva Patino  
Joan Meleski

The second team:

Carol Sokoloski  
Lisette Walter  
Ginny DuHamel  
Rae Carlson  
Janet Brodeur  
Geri Zalvan  
Deidre Macleod

Joanna Shannon  
Joyce Clark  
Helen Clark  
Shirley Mick  
Gertrude Jones  
Betty Costa

This year's team has started practicing. About thirty-five girls are out for the teams and working hard every afternoon. We should have a successful season.

Last spring two softball games were played with Medford, and this year we will also have softball games both in the Junior and Senior High School.

Respectfully submitted,

JOAN McKINSTRY,

Supervisor of Physical Education.



# REPORT OF ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

Balance January 1, 1953		\$442.68
Basketball receipts	\$128.60	
Less Officials	222.00	
Deficit		93.40
		349.28
Baseball receipts	00.00	
Less Officials	80.00	
Deficit		80.00
		269.28
Football receipts	444.25	
Less Officials	135.00	
		309.25
		\$578.53
<b>Expenses</b>		
Janitors	\$47.00	
Sweaters	172.73	
Dentist	40.00	
Baseball League Dues	5.00	
Basketball League Dues	3.00	
Mass. Principals' Association	10.00	
Erecting Football Fence	20.00	
Cheer Leader Emblems	3.88	
Cheer Leader Tokens	13.59	
		315.20
Balance on hand December 31, 1953		\$263.33

## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

### To the Superintendent of Schools:

The role of the school nurse through the years has changed from that of a person who weighed, measured, and checked children at intervals to that of a person who not only watches over the child's physical program, but his emotional and social growth as well. It is very difficult for a child to separate one from the other and it often takes the combined efforts of parent, teacher and nurse to help a child through a given situation.

Children are referred to the nurse in many ways. Sometimes the classroom teacher will send a pupil to the nurse because he apparently does not feel good; occasionally a parent will ask for the child to be checked, or the nurse will ask for the pupil to be sent to her because of his general appearance. To her, the most important avenue of referral is the child himself, and every effort is made to maintain a good relationship with the children in the school. Many activities, such as eye and ear testing and individual interviews help to establish this relationship between the child and nurse.

Most children readily accept the various phases of school without difficulty while other young ones find it very difficult to adjust to any changes even when in the upper grades. Frequently the nurse can be of help here by encouraging the child who has these adjustments to make. In this group are those who are often distressed over such minor things as changes in the school routine, newly established difficulties, unfavorable comments of other children and fear of punishment by parent or teacher.

Because the child is concerned over what has or may happen to him he often becomes nervous and nervousness must until he regains the same confidence in himself, his school, his teachers, or other people with whom he is concerned.

The reports of these youngsters to the clinic with a behavior problem. This also presents a challenge to the nurse.

When any child complains of illness it is necessary for the nurse to first determine what the physical condition is. Any child requiring special care is sent home. For some pupils a few minutes at rest and quiet will enable them to return to class. Still another group are those whose complaint raises another problem. These need further attention. Some children will readily state what is bothering them; while for others a check with the teacher is required to ascertain if a classroom situation has any bearing on the condition; still another, after a few

questions will mention an ill parent about whom he is concerned, a health problem of his own or a purely social condition which is troubling him. Often a simple explanation by the nurse will give the child the reassurance he needs to send him back to class in a happier frame of mind. With others, it requires a conference with the parent or the correction of some difficulty at school before the child will return to his class without protest.

The major activity of our school year—the physical examinations of the children—includes the parent-doctor-nurse conference in specified grades. Whenever advisable the teacher is also included. It is very gratifying to us to have so many parents come to school at this time. Their presence gives us an opportunity to discuss any conditions found directly with them. It also clarifies many questionable issues for us.

This past fall 81 parents came to school, at which time 127 elementary children were examined and the physical findings of 24 Junior-Senior High School pupils were discussed with them. In all 319 pupils were examined and the parents were notified of any children needing further attention.

Posture is still a major problem and the children need constant reminding to keep them standing and sitting correctly.

The Puretone Audiometer test was given to 534 pupils. A notice was sent to the parent of any child failing this hearing test.

All pupils had their eyes tested with the Massachusetts Vision Kit. Any failing the test were properly referred and many of these pupils now have glasses or are undergoing treatment.

The Norfolk County Hospital Mobile Unit x-rayed all pupils in the Senior Class. Cadetette workers and school personnel were also done. A negative report was received.

At the Dental Clinic last year 132 children were x-rayed. The following work was completed: 110 restorations of permanent teeth of which 44 were porcelain restorations, of 33 temporary teeth, 19 extractions, and 52 fillings. Had their teeth cleaned. The Dental Clinic is busy throughout the year but we cannot begin to meet the needs of our school children. The dental needs in the Junior-Senior High School group are very definite. Many of these youngsters are receiving care only when a tooth aches, at which time it is usually in a far advanced stage of decay. More supervision by the parents is advised in this age group. We do have another group of children under very adequate care and some who are receiving orthodontia treatment.

At our Pre-School Clinic 63 children were registered and examined

in preparation for the fall enrollment.

The Immunization Clinics sponsored by the Millis Visiting Nurse Association and the Millis Board of Health were held in the spring. The totals are as follows: 15 children completed the initial series for protection against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus. Another group of 78, including many of our school children, received booster injections. Parents who see that their children receive these injections not only protect their children but help to keep these diseases under control in our community.

This last spring many of our Junior-Senior High School pupils participated in another health program. While no actual tabulation was kept, most of this school age group had their blood typed when the Civil Defense unit was in Millis. Many of these same students gave fully of their time to assist us in this effort and their help was greatly appreciated.

Through participation in the various programs scheduled for them, the children learn to accept the necessary medical and dental care as part of their daily lives. They learn they are not alone in having to do things which have been planned for them and which they do not want to do. Many children are asked to assist in small ways with our programs. This participation comes as a reward for their own behavior or as a means of acquainting them with what we are doing before they are treated themselves. Thus we work with the children, completing any necessary care for them and at the same time helping them to adjust to the physical, emotional and social aspects of living in the world today.

May I extend my thanks to all who have in any way participated in these programs for our school children.

Respectfully submitted,

MYRTLE A. COLDWELL,

School Nurse.

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## ANNUAL REPORT OF SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

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To the Superintendent of Schools:

The Medical Department of the Millis Consolidated School is ever on the alert for new or improved procedures that will advance its health program. Now we are beginning to see some of the results.



For several years, we have been inviting the parents of one or two classes to be present while their children were receiving their annual routine physical examinations. At this time, all the defects found in their children, whether incipient or advanced, were discussed and suggestions made for remedying these faults. A better state of understanding and cooperation was built up between the parent and the Medical Department. As a result, the parent was advised of a defect in its earliest stage, and since treatment was given at once, the child's health was improved. It was for this reason that the percentage of pupils found to have no defects at the physical examinations jumped from 10% or 15% in other years to about 30% this year. This is a **marked improvement.**

The Massachusetts Legislature, on the recommendation of the Department of Education and Health, passed a measure requiring every school child to be examined every third year instead of annually as before. In compliance with this new regulation, the Medical Department has drawn up the following schedule: those children to be examined will include the pre-schoolers (kindergarten), grades II, IV, VI, VIII, IX, X, XI, and XII. In other words, the pupils will now be examined every other year in the primary grades and annually, as before, in the High School and Junior High School. Furthermore, those children having defects that must be followed up will be rechecked annually until the defect is remedied. The parents of the children in the primary grades will continue to be invited to attend the physical examinations and discuss their children with the Medical Department (discussions of any older children these parents may have in school will also be held at this time).

The most common defects continue to be found in the throat, teeth, feet, and posture. We are pleased to see, however, that remedial treatments are now begun sooner and are more effective. Several pupils were referred to clinics for further study, and the cooperation of the parents was gratifying.

For the past two years we have also tried a new method for the protection of our boys during football games played on the homefield. We have been personally present on the field to supervise treatment of every injury to the boys. In this way, a better evaluation can be made of the seriousness of the injury and the advisability of letting the boy continue to play. This extra burden which we have assumed, naturally, relieves the coach of a good deal of responsibility so that he may the better keep his mind on the progress of the game. Although we fielded a team of few veterans and mostly "green" boys, we were fortunate in having no serious injuries this year.



We do not wish to overlook one of our "best projects". The canteen continues to do an excellent job, and we are pleased to see that so many of the student body avail themselves of the beautiful hot lunch served there.

Once again the Medical Department wishes to state that our School Health Program would get nowhere if we did not have the continued valuable assistance of our nurse, Miss Myrtle Coldwell, the watchful eyes of the faculty to help us pick up defects in the pupils, and the cooperation of the parents who have proved so eager to follow our suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

JACOB J. ZALVAN, M.D.,

School Physician.

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### REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DENTIST

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Thirty-three Dental Clinics were held this year for the period extending from September 1952 to June 1953. After dental examinations, notices were sent to the parents stating the corrective treatment needed, and many parents elected to have this work done at the School Clinic. In all 182 children were x-rayed. The treatment consisted of 145 silver fillings, 44 porcelain fillings, 35 temporary tooth fillings, 2 permanent tooth extractions, 8 temporary tooth extractions and 32 cleanings.

Since the x-ray machine was installed in September 1951 we have used it as an aid to a more complete and more accurate diagnosis. The importance of this cannot be stressed too highly. At the same time it must be realized that we at the school can check each child only once during the school year. It is up to the parents to see that each child is checked at least twice during the year. In this way the standard of dental health can be maintained at a high level.

I wish to extend my thanks to Miss Coldwell and the Board of Health for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN L. BROWN, D.M.D.,

School Dentist.

## REPORT OF HOUSEHOLD ARTS

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### To the Superintendent of Schools:

Today, especially, there is a vital need for training in the various arts of homemaking. These Home Economics courses in the Junior High School curriculum will not only prepare each girl for future home making but will serve as a practical aid in everyday living.

The eighth grade course of study stresses good grooming, selection and care of clothing, choosing patterns and material and garment construction. On this level the clothing project is a skirt in wool and a cotton blouse.

In the seventh and eighth grade subject matter is reviewed and the girls make either cotton broadcloth or flannel pajamas.

Embroidery and basic stitches, manipulation of the machine are preliminary in the sixth grade. When these skills have been mastered, an apron sewed by hand and a gathered skirt using the machine are required.

In the Food Department cooking classes were held alternately with sewing in the first three of the 1932-33 school year. Due to conflicting class schedule and over crowding however, it has been impossible to hold these classes this year.

New equipment for both clothing and foods classes has been purchased, however, and will help to provide a more extensive program in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE CURRIVAN,

Household Arts Supervisor.

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## REPORT OF CAFETERIA

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### To the Superintendent of Schools:

Each year brings an increase in the number participating in the School Lunch Program and at this particular time an average of 175 students and teachers are served daily with the number mounting to

over 400 for the Thanksgiving dinner.

Equipment in the form of dishes, stainless steel silverware, serving pieces, large pans and a potato slicer has been added. Material for curtains is also included in the list of newly purchased items. These curtains will be made by the Home Economics classes and will add considerably to the appearance of Kitchen and Cafeteria.

Last year it was necessary to make certain renovations in the kitchen and the resulting arrangement has proved advantageous in economy of time and energy expended in food preparation and has facilitated the serving of lunches.

Typical menus:

Baked Beans and Frankforts	Tuna Fish Salad	Rolls
Cole Slaw	Green Beans	
Butter or Peanut Butter Sandwich	Potato Chips	
Macaroons	Chocolate Cake	
Milk	Milk	

Respectfully submitted,

JEANNE CURRIVAN,

Cafeteria Manager.

## CAFETERIA FINANCIAL REPORT

### Receipts

	Lunchroom Sales	Government Reimburse- ments
January	\$1,023.53	\$ 372.45
February	793.33	218.17
March	1,041.75	333.84
April	582.50	222.65
May	1,267.25	314.51
June	559.35	52.11
September	692.00	294.20
October	1,290.50	348.21
November	901.17	315.01

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December	901.91	283.63
	<u>\$9,043.29</u>	<u>\$2,754.78</u>
		9,043.29
Total Receipts		<u>\$11,798.07</u>

## Disbursements

	Food	Labor	Other
January	\$ 974.50	\$ 200.00	\$ 7.90
February	684.58	168.00	4.49
March	1,007.25	224.00	51.61
April	668.65	280.00	34.89
May	846.53	224.00	53.22
June	471.28	168.00	135.85
September	965.13	224.00	55.61
October	1,125.59	249.50	30.08
November	1,072.96	198.50	6.58
December	753.55	224.00	78.44
	<u>\$8,570.02</u>	<u>\$2,160.00</u>	<u>\$ 458.67</u>
			2,160.00
			8,570.02
Total Disbursements			<u>\$11,188.69</u>
Total Receipts		\$11,798.07	
Total Disbursements		11,188.69	
Balance		\$609.38	
Inventory		\$248.85	

## REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

## To the Superintendent of Schools:

This year, we have the occasion of the opening of the new school as an objective for our art work. It is planned to have a mural for each room, plus a simple, uncluttered exhibit with descriptive block lettering in cut paper. If there is a large bulletin board and glass case in the entrance hall, as is usual in new schools, decoration will be planned for these, also.

All of the work should be creative and unstereotyped. There should be no commercially purchased decorations, posters or prints that are traced or mimeographed.

In general, the design will be simplicity. The windows will be decorated and all of the decorations will be planned to set off the architecture of the building.

General subject will be the month, such as spring, winter, summertime, etc., rather than any holidays or seasons that are indicated quarterly.

With these objectives in view, the work of the members of the school is well laid out.

As usual, the Piping Project Contest will be an important part of our art work. It is planned to start the New Year with work leading up to this worthwhile project.

Respectfully submitted,

DOROTHY WALLACE.

Art Supervisor.

## REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools:

Some of the general aims of music instruction are: (1) to help the child's growth socially; (2) to develop artistic appreciation; (3) to provide individual satisfaction; and (4) to foster appreciation and love of good music leading to the personal development on the part of the child. These aims are accomplished by a complete program consisting of rote singing, rote singing, rhythm and creative activities and appreciation through literature. Music is constantly being integrated with various other subjects, as history, social studies, and geography.

By the completion of a child's sixth year in school he should have experience in two and three-part singing, should be able to master various problems of rhythmic nature, and simple notation and creation of song. The student should also have an acquaintance with, and an appreciation of various forms of music and composers.

In the junior high school these skills and knowledges should be further developed.



During the past four months my efforts in the school system of Millis have been devoted towards accomplishing these aforementioned aims.

In December the children of the elementary school presented a Christmas operetta entitled "Thirty Minutes with Santa Claus." The junior high and high school students presented a nativity scene called "Christmas by Candlelight."

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLOTTE ROBERTS,

Music Supervisor.

## REPORT OF INDUSTRIAL ARTS

### To the Superintendent of Schools:

Industrial Arts in the Millis Schools has been a very important part of the school curriculum. From the students in the sixth grade to the senior in high school it has become, not just a shop in which to make projects, but an area in which to express one's designs and needs.

Our sixth grade class begins with coping saw work and learning to follow patterns with ease. The seventh graders choose an item from a set of projects that takes them through the use of the hand tools. Eighth graders select their own projects that have progressed in difficulty. The high school students also choose their own items from a large selection of books and plans. A large group of girls as well as boys are engaged in leather carving work. The encouragement of making your own designs and plans from which to work is used abundantly. We also use our shop for a mechanical drawing room.

A new tool panel was constructed this year which adds greatly to the versatility of our shop program. It helps to keep our tools in better order and aids greatly in obtaining them particularly for the younger boys.

We wish to thank all those who helped this year to make our Industrial Arts program a success.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. YOUNG,

Industrial Arts Supervisor.

## REPORT OF DRIVER EDUCATION

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### To the Superintendent of Schools:

Driver Education during 1953 has become an exceedingly popular course in Millis High School. Due to the courtesy of Mr. Fred C. Browne of Walpole, Mass., we have had the use of a dual-control equipped car for the fourth time. This car is shared with Medfield High School on a two week exchange basis.

The student has classroom work when the car is not in Millis. This classroom work follows a textbook and the Registry of Motor Vehicles booklet on rules and regulations. At the completion of the class work a Registry test is taken and if successfully passed, the student is not required to answer law questions at the license examination. When the car is in Millis we then have road practice.

In September of 1953 the number of pupils in Driver Training more than doubled. We now have over twenty enrolled and still more wanting to take the course. This increase was partly due to the financial benefit now offered by the insurance companies. Young men and women under twenty-five years of age who have taken the High School Driving Course pay a lower insurance rate than those who have not taken the course.

The following students successfully passed the written Registry Test on Motor Vehicle Law and received their license at the school during 1953:

Elaine Barry  
Caroline Carlson  
Louis Moore

Katherine Bison  
Howard Ingraham  
Joan Sidman

Gloria Winiker

Many thanks to all those who in any way helped our driving program during 1953.

Respectfully submitted,

RICHARD A. YOUNG,

Driver Training Supervisor.

## REPORT OF EVENING PRACTICAL ARTS

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### To the Superintendent of Schools:

During 1953 the Evening Practical Arts School had a course in Tray Painting in which thirteen women took part, and two courses in Dressmaking, one in the spring and one in the fall. Twenty-three women participated in the first Dressmaking course, and twenty-four in the second course. These classes continue to be very popular with the women of Millis.

Courses are being planned for the coming year, and we would welcome any suggestions. Already a course in Tray Painting is being scheduled to begin around the first of February, and other classes are being planned.

We wish to thank all who have helped to make the classes of the Evening Practical Arts Department successful.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. KATHERINE O'ROURKE, Chairman  
MRS. RUTH WRIGHT, Secretary  
MRS. WILMAE THORNE

Advisory Board

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## REPORT OF THE ALUMNI BANQUET

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### To the Superintendent of Schools:

On March 25, 1953 a general meeting of the alumni of the Millis High School was called by Mr. Clyde F. Brown.

About fifty people responded and they were told that the '53 graduating class would be the 50th class to graduate from the high school. Every one agreed that the occasion should be celebrated by a banquet and home-coming time.

Mr. Raymond Simpson was elected Chairman; Mr. James Clancy, Treasurer, and Mrs. Mary Barrett, Secretary.

The Chairman appointed committees as follows:





Report of Committees	Gertrude Weinstein '28
	James Clancy '38
Solo .....	Kay Ramsdell Olson '49
Benediction .....	Rev. Thomas Ferris

The auditorium was appropriately decorated—the stage the focal point of interest featuring the little red schoolhouse and its surroundings including the teacher and the pupils in costumes of fifty years ago. This was directed by Mr. Rudolph F. King and executed by Mr. Arthur MacInnes and Mr. Richard Young.

The nominating committee presented the following list of officers for the year 1954: Raymond Simpson, Chairman; Martha LaCroix, Vice-chairman; James Clancy, Treasurer; Shirley Hoar, Secretary.

Everybody seemed to have a very enjoyable time and all are looking forward to the 1954 banquet.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY M. BARRETT, Secretary

Alumni Banquet Committee.

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## REPORT ON RECREATION PROGRAM

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To the Citizens of Millis:

The recreation program was conducted for the second year under the careful supervision and direction of qualified playground supervisors—Miss Florence Gilboy of Millis and Mr. Edward Charland of Medway.

The program was conducted during the month of July on a basis of morning sessions only. As in the past the children had supervised play and craft activities in the park for two weeks and swimming for the other two weeks.

The supervised play program in the park was very successful and there was an average of seventy to eighty children present each day. The older children had supervised games, relays, and competitive sports while the younger children had games, relays, coloring, story hour, and simple craft activities. The previous year's experience proved very worthwhile and we profited from it a great deal. The time schedule of 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 noon was much more desirable—children



found it less tiring and had more enthusiasm for the planned activities. There were more supplies and equipment on hand to work with. In general, everything was carefully organized and conducted.

The swimming project which was conducted at Dog Pond in Nature was attended by a larger number with an approximate total of one hundred five enrolled at one time. However, we did not have favorable swimming weather at all times and for this reason attendance was not consistent with other years. Regardless, it was possible for many to receive certificates in life saving, junior life saving, and swimming classes.

The recreation program was very successful. The children enjoyed all phases of it and were carefully supervised at all times as many parents observed upon visits to the playground and the swimming pool.

Let's strive to continue this worthwhile program and constantly seek ways to improve it. These are our children. Let's build sound minds and bodies!

Respectfully submitted,

GERTRUDE WEINSTEIN, Chairman

STUART M. KING, Secretary

EARL H. MERKLE, Fin. Secretary

ROBERT W. McDONOUGH, Member

FREDERICK J. WELCH, Member

School Committee

REPORT OF THE  
FIFTIETH GRADUATION EXERCISES OF THE  
MILLIS HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1953  
Wednesday Evening, June 10, 1953

CLASS FLOWER	American Beauty Rose
CLASS COLORS	Crimson and Gold
CLASS MOTTO	

Ask and it shall be given you  
Seek and you shall find.

PROGRAM

Posting of Colors	American Legion
Processional	
(The audience will please remain seated during the march)	
The Star-Spangled Banner	Key
Invocation	Rev. Robert I. Howland
Salutation	Gaines
School Chorus	
Salutatory and Essay—	
Helen Keller—Light-bearer to the World of Darkness	
	Carol Louise Greene
Music—Your Land and My Land	Romberg
Mixed Glee Club	
Commencement Address	Hon. Rudolph F. King
Music—Artist's Life Waltz	Strauss
Girls' Glee Club	
Valedictory and Essay—	
Land and Forest—Our Undeveloped Resources Selva Mary Patino	
Music—May the Good Lord Bless and Keep You	Willson
Mixed Glee Club	

Presentation of American Legion Scholarship Award

Mr. Thomas F. Smith, Commander,  
American Legion Post No. 202

Presentation of Millis Parent-Teacher Association Scholarship

Clyde F. Brown, Principal

Presentation of Diplomas

Mrs. Gertrude Weinstein, Chairman of School Committee

School Song

Thuringian Folk Song

### SCHOOL CHORUS

Gray is the peaceful night;  
Day's closing brings it nigh—  
Crimson which streaks the sky  
In radiant light.  
Those are our colors dear  
Though we in numbers few,  
To them we will be true  
When far or near.

Each year we work and strive  
To keep our ideals high,  
High as the distant sky  
Each one alive.  
Memories of happy hours,  
Millis, thou school of ours.  
Hear this our welcome lay  
Crimson and Gray.

—Words by Ruth Richardson, '20

Recessional

Retiring of Colors

American Legion

**MILLIS HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING CLASS****June 10, 1953****Magna Cum Laude****Carol Louise Greene****Selva Mary Patino****Cum Laude****Elena Alba Costa****Marie Lorraine LaBounty****Cynthia Elizabeth Simpson****Bayramshian, Richard Joseph****Cox, Donald Gordon****Gilpatrick, Phillip E.****Harris, Charles Edward****Ingraham, Howard****Mushnick, Michael Henry****Tate, William Ivan****Barry, Elaine Ruth****Brodeur, Janet Marie****Cassidy, Louise Agnes****Costa, Elena Alba Santa****Greene, Carol Louise****Kenney, Marion Ann****LaBounty, Marie Lorraine****Lipsett, Claire Ann****O'Donnell, Mary Theresa****Patino, Selva Mary****Simarrian, Helena****Simpson, Cynthia Elizabeth****Winiker, Muriel**

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**CLASS NIGHT—CLASS OF 1953****MILLIS HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM****Monday Evening, June 8, 1953**

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**The Star-Spangled Banner****Assembly****Invocation****Reverend Thomas F. Ferris****Salutation****Gaines****School Chorus****Class History****Marie Lorraine LaBounty****Music—It's a Grand Night for Singing****Rogers**

## School Chorus

Historical Statistics Marion Ann Kenney

Class Prophecy Elena Alba Santa Costa

Music—Old Man River Kern

Solo—Richard Bayramshian

Class Will Cynthia Elizabeth Simpson

History of Millis Schools Charles Edward Harris

Music—Your Land and My Land Romberg

## School Chorus

Presentation of Reader's Digest Award

Mr. Robert McDonough, School Committee

Presentation of Harvard Book Award given by the Harvard Club of Boston, sponsored by Mr. Clarence Donald Thatcher, Class of 1944

Mr. George C. Roy, Superintendent of Schools

Attendance Award Mr. Clyde F. Brown, Principal

Presentation of Good Citizenship Certificate

Mr. Stuart King, Recording Secretary of School Committee

Presentation of Quinobequin Teachers' Club Award

for Excellence in United States History

Mr. Frederick Welch, School Committee

Presentation of the French and Latin Honorary Award

for Excellence in the Sciences

Mr. James Pettengill, Elementary Principal

Presentation of the Balfour Award

Mr. Henry M. Doyle, Assistant Principal

School Song

Thuringian Folk Song





## BOARD OF APPEALS

## Board of Selectmen

## Millis, Mass.

The Board of Appeal, established under the zoning by-law of the Town of Millis sat on only three cases in 1953.

In each case notices were sent to all interested parties and public hearings were held. Your Board personally viewed all the premises named in the applications and in each case after notice to interested parties, public hearings were held to hear proponents and opponents, if any.

While all cases were decided in conformity to the law, the governing principle that governed the decisions of the Board was whether or not the proposed action would be more detrimental or obstructive to the neighborhood and the town. In general, restrictions as to changes were placed on the properties in cases that such action would not be detrimental.

The three cases heard were those of:

Peoples Turntable Co. that requested permission to enlarge its premises for better display. Permission granted, with restrictions as to type and size of the addition. Permission willingly agreed to remove a large sign in his front yard.

Mrs. M. R. Lowell requested for the use of her place as a dress shop on Curve Street. Petition granted.

Robert Edward Harris, Inc., petition granted, provided off street parking was provided and a handsome structure between the main and garage was built to enhance looking and artfuling in yard.

In two cases the Board ruled that an appeal was necessary as the proposed action was specifically exempted in the law.

In accordance with Chapter 40A, G. L., Section 27B, the Board notified the Town Clerk of its actions, who places said decisions into the public record.

It also notified as enforcing officials the Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

William F. Wright

CHAIRMAN

Anthony P. Meleski

SECRETARY

Howard A. Payson

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## PROTECTIVE BYLAW FOR TOWN OF MILLIS MASS

### Section I

### ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

1-1 DISTRICTS. In accordance with Chapter 40A, G. L., sections 25-30B, the town of Millis is hereby divided into two types of districts designated as: (a) Farming and Residence Districts; (b) Commercial Districts. Said districts are located as shown on the Protective Bylaw Map dated, 1950 and filed with the Town Clerk.

### Section II

### NON-CONFORMING USES

2-1 NON-CONFORMING USES. Any lawful building or structure or use of a building or structure or premises existing at the time this Bylaw is adopted, even if not in conformity with its provisions, may be continued, rebuilt if damaged or destroyed, and it authorized by the Board of Appeals, may be enlarged or changed to a specific new use, provided such enlargement or change is not more detrimental or objectionable to the neighborhood and the town.

### Section III

### FARMING AND RESIDENCE DISTRICTS

3-1 REQUIREMENTS. In Farming and Residence Districts buildings and structures shall be erected and altered and premises used for only the following purposes.:

- (a) Farm or green house, including the display and sale of natural products raised in the town.
- (b) Residence for one or more families.

(c) Religious, educational, or municipal use.

(d) Non-profit recreational use.

(e) Any of the following additional uses provided it is not a nuisance, noxious, or offensive and only as authorized by the Board of Appeals subject to appropriate conditions where such are deemed necessary to protect the town.

1. Amusement park, fair, carnival, fair grounds, or dog show.
2. Cemetery, institutional and philanthropic use;
3. Icehouse, cider mill or saw mill;
4. Fur farm, dog kennel, or piggery;
5. Any additional use after being determined by the Board as similar to one or more of the uses specifically authorized and not more detrimental to a neighborhood.

12. Accessory Use. — Any use which is customarily incidental to and dependent upon the principal use of the premises. The term, accessory use, shall include:

1. The use of a room or rooms in a dwelling or accessory building for a customary home occupation or practice of a profession conducted by a resident of the premises providing that there is no external evidence of any business other than permitted signs;
2. The display of not more than two signs pertaining to a permitted use which shall include no more than twelve square feet

13. Removal of External Obstructions. — The removal from any premises of more than twelve inches of soil, sand, gravel, or any other material shall be prohibited except by permit of the Board of Appeals, which shall be granted upon application of the owner of the premises. The removal of soil, sand, gravel, or any other material shall be prohibited by the Board of Appeals unless the removal is necessary for the construction of a building or other structure authorized by the Bylaw. Provided, however, that a permit is required for the removal or removal of soil, sand, gravel, or any other material from the premises of any lot by the owner of the lot, and the removal shall be subject to the provisions of the Bylaw and the removal shall be subject to the provisions of the Bylaw. The removal of new soil or gravel from any lot shall be subject to the Board of Appeals provided such removal is not detrimental to the neighborhood. Removal of soil or gravel shall be specifically permitted in the Bylaw.

is classified as stripping and is prohibited.

#### Section IV

#### COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS

**4-1 REQUIREMENTS.** In Commercial Districts buildings, structures, and premises may be used for any purpose permitted in Farming and Residential Districts, and in addition for any lawful business, service, or public utility. Permits for industry and manufacturing must be obtained from the Board of Appeals and all structures, buildings, and premises shall be made when used for such purposes. No more than two signs are than those which are attached to and in part of the architectural design of a building or structure including a sign permit shall be permitted on each premise.

#### Section V

#### AREA REGULATIONS

**5-1 FLOOR AREA.** Any building or structure erected, altered or used for dwelling purposes in any district shall provide not less than two square feet of floorable floor area for each cubic foot of volume and building area is otherwise provided. However, a temporary building or structure having less than the required area may be occupied for not more than two years.

**5-2 LOT COVERAGE.** Any dwelling structure erected in any district shall be limited to a lot coverage of not less than 10 per cent of the lot area provided the lot is not less than one acre. In the case of a lot less than one acre used for purposes other than the above is adopted and all lot coverage shall be the most space available in connection with said lot.

**5-3 FRONT YARD.** Any building or structure including mobile structures, garages, pumps, and accessory buildings hereafter erected shall extend not nearer to the street line than 20 feet in all districts. Provided that no building need be set back more than the average of the setbacks of the building on the lots nearest there to on either side, a vacant lot one hundred feet or more in width or a lot occupied by a building set back more than twenty feet being counted as though occupied by a building set back twenty feet.



## Section VI

## ADMINISTRATION

6-1 BOARD OF APPEAL. There shall be a Board of Appeals of three members and two associate members appointed by the selectmen as provided in Ch. 40, G. L., so which shall act in all matters within its jurisdiction under this Bylaw in the manner prescribed in said Chapter of the General Laws.

6-2 ENFORCEMENT. The Bylaw shall be enforced by the Board of Selectmen.

6-3 VALIDITY. The invalidity of any section or provision of this Bylaw shall not invalidate any other section or provision hereof.

## **WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Norfolk, ss.

#### **GREETING:**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Millis in said County,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Millis qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the High School Auditorium in said Millis on Monday the eighth day of February A.D. 1954 for the election of officers

The polls to be open at 10:00 A.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. also on Monday February 15 1954 at 7:30 P.M. in the School Auditorium for the Business Meeting said Auditorium being in said Millis. Then and there to act on the following articles viz:

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for one year a Town Clerk for one year a Town Treasurer for one year two Constables for one year Tax Collector for three years one Selectman for three years one member of Board of Public Welfare for three years one Assessor for three years two School Committeemen for three years one Trustee of Public Library for three years one Park Commissioner for three years one Sewer Commissioner for three years one Water Commissioner for three years one member of the Planning Board for five years one member of Planning Board for four years one member of Planning Board for three years one member of Planning Board for two years one member of Planning Board for one year.

Article 2. To hear and act on the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Article 3. To appropriate money for all necessary expenses including a sum sufficient to pay all Town Officers' salaries. Note: The tabulation of Departmental salaries and expenses listed under this Article in the Finance Committee Report includes 20 items which heretofore required 20 individual Articles, such as Law and Order Board of Health Town Clock Civil Defense, etc.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$2700.00 for the salary of the Auditor, Nune, for the year 1954, said appropriation is in no way to be construed as meaning that the Association has to furnish any first service to any settlement of public aid cases, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, said sum being the portion of the expense incurred and apportioned by the County Commissioners for the care and maintenance of Norfolk County Hospital, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to continue the committee appointed by the Moderator for the purpose of planning a Memorial to members of the Armed Services who served in World War II, the committee to report at a future Town Meeting, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1054.70 from the inactive road machinery account to the active road machinery account, to be used for Road Machinery purposes, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the overlet reserve a sum of money to be used for a reserve fund, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 9. To see what disposition the Town will make of the money returned by the county on account of dog licenses, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from taxation or available funds in the treasury the sum of \$10000.00 to be added to the Stabilization Fund in accordance with the provisions of Section 70, Chapter 40, General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer money of George Barden Fund to Evening Freefolk Arts Account, or take any action thereon.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the cash balance from various departments into general cash, or act in any

manner relating thereto.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954 and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint their own Water Registrar, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Sewers and to fix his salary in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to appoint their own clerks of their board and appropriate a sum of money for same or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tree Warden to work for the Tree Department and be paid on an hourly basis, the Town to set the hourly rate of pay or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Water Works and to fix his salary in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A, Chapter 41 of the General Laws or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Commissioners to appoint one of their members to the position of Superintendent of Parks and who will be paid on an hourly basis. This money to be obtained from the Parks appropriation, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appro-

appropriate a sum of money to extend an 8 inch water main westerly on Main Street to connect to Adams Street, a distance of approximately 250 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend an 8 inch water main from the intersection of Farm Street and Alma Road southerly on Farm Street a distance of approximately 500 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend a 6 inch water main westerly on Canaway Street a distance of approximately 450 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the 6 inch water main on Norfolk Road to the establishment of the Winkler Poultry Farm Inc., a distance of approximately 1000 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend a 6 inch main from existing 8 inch water main on Main Street across a parcel of land now owned by George Smith to proposed Cottage Avenue, a distance of approximately 250 feet westerly on same and a distance of approximately 100 feet; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend an 8 inch water main on Main Street to Conway's Corner to connect two dead ends, a distance of approximately 550 feet; determine whether the money shall be



provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer from Main Street to Spring Street to the property owned by John H. and Helen Clancy; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the Treasury or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sewer system on Union Street to Main Street; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend sewer system from the residence of Rose Blom on Parnell Street to Union Street; determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1800.00 for the repair of Brastons Bridge to be used in conjunction with an equal sum appropriated by the Town of Medfield and allotments made by the County of Norfolk and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to extend the sidewalk on the North side of Main Street from Union Street to Dover Road a distance of approximately 985 feet or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3250.00 to build a road from Orchard Street to Southend Pond, a distance of 2147 feet, so that the townspeople will have access to the pond for swimming, fishing and camping purposes. This road has already been surveyed and laid out by the County Commissioners and the land taken by Emi-

ment Domain for the purpose of a road to the pond, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace the High School Auditorium floor, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used in conjunction with the balance that is left of the Insurance Account to repair and alter present Fire Station, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to build a Fire and Police Station, determine whether the money shall be provided for by taxation, by borrowing, or by appropriation of available funds in the treasury, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to install the above signs and boxes on Main Street (Latonia Corner to Cornsby Corner), Union Street to Van Kleeck Corner, Elm Street (Thomas Corner to Village Street), Village Street (corner of Elm Street to Hinckley Street), Hinckley Street, North Street to Pleasant Street, Pleasant Street to Latonia Corner, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will provide for the merger of the office of Veterans' Agent with that of the office of Director of Veteran Services, and that said Director will report annually the number of cases handled, disbursements made and other activities. Said report to be printed in the Annual Town Report, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section V of the Protective Order for the Town of Mills adopted by said Town on February 19, 1951, by striking therefrom the said Section V, which reads as follows:

#### "Section V

#### AREA REGULATIONS

**5-1 Floor Area.** Any building or structure erected, altered, or used for dwelling purposes in any district shall provide not less than 300 square feet of habitable floor area for each family occupying said building or structure, provided, however, a town-

perary building or structure having less than the required area may be occupied for not more than two years.

**5.2 Lot Frontage.** Any dwelling hereafter erected in any district shall be located on a lot having a frontage of not less than 75 feet on a street or way provided that one dwelling may be erected on a lot having a lesser frontage where said lot existed at the time this By-law is adopted and did not when other land of the same owner available in connection with said lot.

**5.3 Front Yard.** Any building or structure including roadside trucks, gasoline pumps and accessory buildings hereafter erected shall extend not nearer to the street boundary than 20 feet in all districts. Provided that no building need be set back more than the average of the set-backs of the buildings on the lots nearest thereto on either side a vacant lot one hundred feet or more in width or a lot occupied by a building set back more than twenty feet being counted as though occupied by a building set back twenty feet.”,

and inserting in place thereof the following:

#### “Section V

#### AREA REGULATIONS

**5.1 Floor Area.** Any building or structure erected, altered or used for dwelling purposes in any district shall provide not less than 720 square feet of habitable floor area for each family occupying said building or structure.

**5.2 Lot Area.** No building lot hereafter laid out for dwelling purposes in the Town of Millis shall be less than 12,000 square feet in area.

**5.3 Lot Frontage.** No building lot hereafter laid out for dwelling purposes in the Town of Millis shall be less than 100 feet in width at the front line of the building or at the line of the street on which said building lot fronts.

**5.4 Front Yard.** Any building or structure including roadside trucks, gasoline pumps and accessory buildings hereafter erected shall extend any nearer than 30 feet to the street line in all districts. The Board of Appeals may make exceptions to this section upon appeal or written requests if the set-backs of buildings on adjoining lots vary from this requirement.

**5.5 Side Yards.** In residential districts there shall be provided at each side of any building hereafter erected a side yard of not less than 10 feet in width between the side of said building and the side lot line”; or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to accept Maple Avenue as a public street or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to accept and maintain Woodlawn Drive as a public street or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 40. To see if the Town will approve and ratify the action of the 1954 General Court authorizing the Town to use certain park land for school and school playground purposes or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the necessary operating expenses of the School Building Committee or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Edward M. Johansen Cemetery Trust Fund of April, 1953 to the amount of \$100.00 or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to accept from Elizabeth H. Bigelow an additional amount for the Paul Daniels Cemetery Trust Fund of \$250.00, or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Lot and Grave account for the upkeep of the Cemetery or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance or take any action in relation thereto.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee to act to eliminate the smoke and odor nuisance in the East Millis section of the town, or act in



any manner relating thereto.

Article 48. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to continue the swimming pool committee for another year and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for their expenses or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,100.00 for the purchase of a tractor and sander, the present tractor allowance to be applied to purchase price, determine whether the money shall be provided by taxation, by borrowing or by appropriation from available funds in the treasury or act in any manner relating thereto.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to take the sum of \$40,000.00 from available funds for the purpose of its being used to reduce the direct 1954 tax rate or act in any manner relating thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies hereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting as directed by the vote of the town.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of January in year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty four.

HORACE V. BALKAM  
MICHAEL E. COLLINS  
MORRIS MUSHNICK

*Selectmen of Millis*



A True Copy.      Attest:



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FOR the LORD thy GOD  
bringeth thee into a good land  
a land of brooks of water,  
of fountains and depths that  
spring out of valleys and hills;  
A land of wheat, and barley,  
and vines, and fig trees,  
and pomegranates;  
a land of oil olive, and honey;  
A land wherein thou shalt eat bread  
without scarceness thou shalt not  
lack anything in it; a land  
whose stones are iron, and out  
of whose hills thou mayest  
dig brass.

Deut. VIII : 7-8-9.....

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